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Legislative Bulletin

March 23, 2018

OML UPDATE AT-A-GLANCE

Here are the top three things you need to know from this past week:

- The Legislature will be out on a break for the next two weeks, so there will be no committee hearings or sessions until April 10th. During this time, the League will

continue to work on legislation and issues in preparation for the Legislature's return.

- The Ohio EPA is seeking public input on proposed funding priorities, which you can read [HERE](#). Those interested can submit comments to oeef@epa.ohio.gov. They must be received by 5 p.m. on March 30th.
- The Secretary of State's office has announced the filing of 9,634 new entities intending to do business in Ohio last month. This is a decrease from last February, when 10,204 filed to do business in Ohio.

CORRECTION: 2018 SUMMER REGIONAL CONFERENCE DATES

Last week, we announced the dates of the League's new venture: our 2018 Summer Regional Conferences. However, one of the dates we announced was incorrect. Our Regional Conference in Canton at the Pro Football Hall of Fame will take place on **Friday, June 29th**. Registration material will be mailed out to League members the first of next week.

As a reminder, below are the dates and location for the upcoming conferences.

- **Southeast:** Friday, May 18th at the Ohio University Conference Center in Athens.
- **Southwest:** Friday, June 8th at the Manor House Banquet Center in Mason.
- **Northeast:** Friday, June 29th at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton.
- **Northwest:** Friday, August 17th at the Hancock Hotel in Findlay.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there!

CALL TO ACTION:

OHIO HOUSE SENDS TO SENATE BILL PUNISHING MUNICIPALITIES FOR USING CONSTITUTIONALLY GRANTED TRAFFIC CAMERAS WITH LGF REDUCTIONS

This week, the Ohio House of Representatives passed a bill that punishes municipalities by withdrawing state support for issuing red light violation traffic tickets via electronic monitoring devices, while also significantly decreasing the number of cases heard in Mayor's Courts.

HB 410, which is sponsored by Rep. Seitz (R - Cincinnati) and Rep. Butler (R - Oakwood), would deduct Local Government Fund (LGF) distributions from municipalities in the exact amount of revenue which that municipality generates via traffic citations issued by traffic cameras. This is despite a ruling from the Ohio Supreme Court last year that stated municipalities had the Home Rule authority to use traffic cameras to issue traffic citations. This legislation seeks to penalize municipalities from exercising their Home Rule rights as upheld by the highest court in the state.

The second aspect of the bill would only allow civil actions regarding traffic law violations to be heard in municipal and county courts - not Mayor's Courts. This significantly decreases the caseload for any given Mayor's Court throughout the state.

The bill was passed out of the House of Representatives by a vote of 65-19. The scheme is awaiting assignment to a Senate committee for the next round of hearings.

The League strongly opposes this flagrant overreach by the State of Ohio and is asking our members to call their Senators to inform them that this bill continues the assault on municipal revenues and municipal taxpayers, and to urge that they stand with their cities and villages and oppose this bill.

For those interested in testifying when the bill gets scheduled for hearings in the senate committee, please contact the League's Director of Communications, Ashley Brewster, at abrewster@omlohio.org. The League will continue to track and report on this bill as it moves through the Senate.

SMALL CELL BILL RECEIVES OPPONENT TESTIMONY IN COMMITTEE HEARING

Several groups seeking to incorporate various changes to the small cell wireless bill testified in opposition to the legislation this week. HB 478, sponsored by Rep. Smith (R - Bidwell) and Rep. LaTourette (R - Chesterland), would modify the law regarding wireless service and the placement of small cell wireless facilities in the public right of way. During its third hearing before the Senate Public Utilities Committee, representatives from Crown Castle, the Wireless Infrastructure Association and InSite Wireless Group LLC all testified, saying changes needed to be made.

The representatives from Crown Castle expressed concerns that the bill as written violates sections of the Communications Act and definitions included in the bill would be impactful to their operations.

The Wireless Infrastructure Association requested amendments changing the language from "public easements" to "public utility easements" and change the definition of "wireless support structure". Insite Wireless Group submitted written testimony echoed these requests.

The League looks forward to participating in interested party meetings to discuss the new issues that have been requested of the senate. We anticipate hearings will resume when the legislature returns from their Easter break.

CAPITAL BUDGET BILL CLEARS SECOND LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER

This week, the capital appropriations bill was approved by the full Senate and sent to the desk of Governor Kasich. HB 529, sponsored by Rep. Ryan (R - Newark), will make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects and makes re-appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2020. In total, the bill will spend \$2.63 billion over the biennium. No amendments or changes were made to the bill during its time in the Senate, which passed the bill with only one dissenting vote: 32-1.

Several allocations made by the bill are directly related to municipalities, such as \$514 million to be allocated to local infrastructure projects through the Public Works Commission, as well as \$150 million that will be spent on community projects. Other allocations include \$222 million for health and human services, mental health, addiction treatment, women's health initiative facilities and developmental disabilities; and \$482 million to public colleges and universities.

The League has been supportive of this legislation, and we are pleased to see that a bill containing funds for many local improvement projects throughout the state has made it to the desk of the governor. Although the League appreciates the limited investments being made in Ohio communities, funds directed towards infrastructure projects included in the bill does little to address the crucial challenges our cities and villages face on a widespread basis when it comes to the deteriorating infrastructure communities all across our state are challenged with. The League will continue to impress upon current members of the Ohio General Assembly and the next Governor and his/her leadership that new revenue streams must be developed to address all aspects of infrastructure and to rebuild our state together in a meaningful way.

FLOOR ACTION FOR BILLS OF MUNICIPAL INTEREST

- **HB 54 - REVENUE OBLIGATIONS.** Sponsored by Rep. Blessing (R - Cincinnati) and Rep. Gavarone (R - Bowling Green), this bill would authorize the Treasurer of State to issue revenue obligations of the state for the purpose of

making loans to qualifying public entities for their acquisition of permanent improvements through the Treasurer of State's purchase of public obligations of those qualifying entities. During last week's full House session, this bill was voted out of the House 93-0.

- **HB 343 - PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST RESOLUTIONS.** Sponsored by Rep. Merrin (R - Monclova Township), this bill would require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners. This week, during a full House session, the bill was passed 59-38. The League is opposed to this legislation.
- **HB 351 - MILITARY TAX EXEMPTION.** Sponsored by Rep. Perales (R - Beavercreek) and Rep. Butler (R - Oakwood), this bill would require municipal corporations to exempt from taxation the military pay of members of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service. During this week's full House session, the bill was passed by a unanimous vote, 85-0. The League is neutral on this legislation.
- **HB 392 - BEE KEEPING IMMUNITY.** Sponsored by Rep. Stein (R - Norwalk), this bill would grant specified apiary owners immunity in personal injury or property damage cases involving bee stings. During this week's full House session, the bill was passed 80-7. The League is neutral on this legislation.
- **HB 24 - VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS TAX EXEMPTIONS.** Sponsored by Rep. Ginter (R - Salem), this bill would modify the existing tax exemption for veterans organizations' property to include property of certain veterans organizations exempt from federal taxation under section 501C(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and to exclude property that is not used primarily for meetings, administration, and the provision of programs and services to past and present members of the United States armed forces. First, the bill was amended during its seventh hearing before the Senate Ways and Means Committee with updates to the Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) payment system. The bill was then

passed by the full Senate later the same day and shortly thereafter concurred upon by the House. The League is neutral on this legislation.

COMMITTEE RECAP: HEARINGS FOR BILLS OF MUNICIPAL INTEREST

Here are the bills that impact municipalities that received committee hearings this week:

- **HB 378 - BROADBAND GRANTS.** This bill, sponsored by Rep. Smith (R - Bidwell) and Rep. Cera (D - Bellaire), would create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and make an appropriation. This week, during its eighth hearing before the House Finance Committee, a substitute bill was adopted that changed provisions ranging from the definition of internet service and broadband entity to provider eligibility. The Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association said in written testimony that while they are happy with the changes adopted, they believe more are necessary to improve the bill. The Ohio Library Council also submitted testimony highlighting the need libraries have to provide internet access to serve those who do not have it at home. The bill was then voted out of committee. The League is supportive of this legislation.
- **HB 488 - BALLOT LANGUAGE.** Sponsored by Rep. Hood (R - Ashville) and Rep. Becker (R - Union Township), this bill would modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies. During its second hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee hearing, proponents from local communities, Americans for Prosperity and the Ohio School Board Leadership Council testified in support of the bill, saying it provided more transparency in the local levy system. The League is currently neutral on this legislation.
- **HB 276 - UTILITY WORKERS.** Sponsored by Rep. Rezabek (R - Clayton) and Rep. Greenspan (R - Westlake), this bill would expand the offense of aggravated menacing to prohibit threatening a utility worker with intent to obstruct the operation of a utility. During its first hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, the sponsors of the bill explained the legislation's intention to end

threats or attacks upon utility workers as they did their jobs. The League is supportive of this legislation.

- **HB 382 - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION LAWS.** Sponsored by Rep. Schuring (R - Canton), this bill would modify terms describing payments made under the Unemployment Compensation Law, increase the amount of wages subject to unemployment compensation premiums, require qualifying employees to make payments to the Unemployment Compensation Insurance Fund, to allow the Director of Job and Family Services to adjust maximum weekly benefit amounts, reduce the maximum number of benefit weeks, and make other changes to the Unemployment Compensation Law. During its nineteenth and twentieth hearings before the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, no testimony was heard on this bill. The League is neutral on this legislation.
- **HJR 4 - UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION BONDS.** Sponsored by Rep. Schuring (R - Canton), this joint resolution would enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to allow the General Assembly to provide by law for the issuance of bonds to pay unemployment compensation benefits when the fund created for that purpose is or will be depleted or to repay outstanding advances made by the federal government to the unemployment compensation program. During its nineteenth and twentieth hearings before the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, no testimony was given. The League is neutral on this joint resolution.
- **HB 469 - MIXED-USE TAX CREDITS.** Sponsored by Rep. Schuring (R - Canton) and Rep Patton (R - Strongsville), this bill would authorize a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital to transformational mixed-use development projects. During its fifth hearing before the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce spoke in favor of the bill in light of its intention to invest in "well-planned development" and encourage economic development. For the same reason, the League is in strong support of this legislation.

- **HB 164 - ROOFING CONTRACTORS.** Sponsored by Rep. Patton (R - Strongsville), this bill would require commercial roofing contractors to have a license. During its fourth hearing before the House Economic Development Committee, both opponents and proponents of the legislation gave their sides of the arguments. Representatives from Able Roof and the Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce opposed the bill due to its addition of a bureaucratic layer to the licensing process and the concern that it could result in increased costs on the consumer end. The Ohio Roofing Contractors Association, however, are proponents of the bill and are supportive of what they say would result in a more streamlined licensing process. The League is currently neutral on this legislation.
- **HB 484 - HEALTH DISTRICT CREDIT CARDS.** Sponsored by Rep. Brenner (R - Powell), this bill would authorize city and general health districts to use credit cards in accordance with prescribed requirements. During its third hearing before the House State and Local Government Committee, no testimony was heard on this bill. The League is currently neutral of this legislation.
- **HB 530 - INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES.** Sponsored by Rep. Hambley (R - Brunswick) and Rep. Arndt (R - Port Clinton), this bill would authorize local elected officers that have levied a hotel lodging excise tax, or a designee of such officers to simultaneously hold the position of officer or member of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' bureau without constituting incompatible offices. During its second hearing before the House State and Local Government Committee, the bill received vocal support from the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), several county commissioners and the Ohio Association of Convention and Visitors Bureau. The League is currently neutral on this legislation.
- **SB 252 - INCOMPATIBLE OFFICES.** Sponsored by Sen. Peterson (R - Sabina), this bill would authorize local elected officers that have levied a hotel lodging excise tax, or a designee of such officers to simultaneously hold the position of officer or member of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' bureau without constituting incompatible offices. During its second hearing before the Senate Ways and Means Committee, proponent testimony

was given by the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO), the Fayette County Commissioner, and the Ohio Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus, which likened the legislation to allowing legislators to sit on the Controlling Board. The League is currently neutral on this legislation.

- **HB 543 - COUNTY PROSECUTORS.** Sponsored by Rep. Perales (R - Beavercreek) and Rep. Hambley (R - Brunswick), this bill would allow a county prosecuting attorney to enter into a contract with a regional airport authority, port authority, or regional planning commission to be its legal adviser. During its first hearing before the House State and Local Government Committee, the bill's sponsors explained that the organizations listed within the bill would be able to contract with prosecutors at decreased cost. The League is currently looking into this bill.
- **SB 239 - REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT.** Sponsored by Sen. Dolan (R - Chagrin Falls), this bill would modify the law concerning regional councils of governments. During its fifth hearing before the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee, no testimony was given on the bill. The League is supportive of this legislation, as long as changes are not made via amendment to curtail the advocacy abilities of certain councils of governments.
- **HB 312 - CREDIT CARDS.** Sponsored by Rep. Schuring (R - Canton) and Rep. Greenspan (R - Westlake), this bill would modify the law regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions. During its third hearing before the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee, no testimony was given on the bill. The League is supportive of this legislation.

NEW BILLS OF MUNICIPAL INTEREST INTRODUCED THIS WEEK

- **HB 562 - PARK DRILLING.** Sponsored by Rep. Leland (D - Columbus), this bill would prohibit the drilling of a horizontal well in various state and local parks.

THERE WILL BE NO COMMITTEES SCHEDULED THE WEEK OF MARCH 25, DUE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEING ON BREAK.

Up Coming Meetings & Events

OML/OMAA Webinar Top 10 TIF Misconceptions	April 18, 2018 10:00 am ~ 11:00 am	<u>Registration Information</u>
OAPSD Annual Conference Hilliard Police Dept.	May 4, 2018	Information Coming Soon
Regional Summer Conference Series	May 18, June 8, June 29, August 17	<u>Registration Information</u>
OML/OMAA Webinar Updates on ADA,FMLA, Title VII Accommodation...	May 17, 2018 10:00 am ~ 11:00 am	<u>Registration Information</u>

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Rotunda Rumblings

= 9 **Substitute bill in the works:** Rep. Bill Reineke is working on revising his bill that strips power from the state education department and school board and gives it to the governor. He said he is working with people who are concerned about the bill. The school board, the Ohio Education

Association and the Ohio Federation of Teachers oppose it. However, many in business support the bill, including Vince Squillace of the Ohio Homebuilders Association, who testified last week, saying there are not enough skilled trades workers. He said "training our work force should stand alongside other academic priorities."

= 9 **Cream of the crop:** Wondering which legislative races to keep an eye on during primary election night? Here are Capitol Letter's Top 10 Ohio House Republican primaries to watch in 2018. And if you haven't already, make sure to check out which races made our list of the Top 10 Ohio House Democratic primaries.

= 9 **Taking the sting out of beekeeping:** A bill that would protect beekeepers who are registered with the Department of Agriculture from liability if someone is stung or hurt by their hive equipment is headed to the Senate. The House passed House Bill 392 last week.

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Painting happy trees: A new House bill would license art therapists in Ohio, which its sponsor said would promote the profession as effective in treating people who need help with avoidance, trauma and developmental disabilities. Rep. Marlene Anielski, who is sponsoring House Bill 557, told members of the House Health Committee last week that research of veterans diagnosed with PTSD showed art therapy was more effective than talk therapy.

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Script for a horror film? The conservative Buckeye Institute is joining its liberal counterpart, Policy Matters Ohio, in opposition to increasing the state's film tax credit to \$100 million a year. Broadway productions could also qualify for the credit under House Bill 525. But the Buckeye Institute said that Massachusetts had to cut spending to pay for its film credit, which resulted in 1,400 jobs lost and only 222 jobs gained by the credit. The bill is sponsored by the No. 2 in House GOP leadership, Rep. Kirk Schuring, and co-sponsored by House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger -- meaning it has a good chance of becoming law.

= 9 **Keep calm and budget on:** State Auditor Dave Yost has some reassuring words for local governments facing a declaration of fiscal emergency. "It's not as bad as most fear," asserts the Republican, who's

running for attorney general, in a new report. The report goes into detail about what various municipalities around the state did to get out of fiscal emergency. Most of the solutions, not surprisingly, involved either raising revenue or cutting expenses.

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Stories We're Talking About

= 9 **Trump to visit Northeast Ohio:** President Donald Trump is set to visit Richfield in Summit County Thursday to discuss his infrastructure initiatives, according to cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton.

= 9 **Sexism in politics:** Democratic secretary of state candidate Kathleen Clyde and Republican treasurer candidate Sandy O'Brien agree that two big challenges for women candidates in Ohio are fundraising and networking. But as cleveland.com's Mary Kilpatrick writes, O'Brien considers it a more debilitating issue than Clyde, "perhaps because of their respective places on opposite sides of the aisle.

= 9 **Filibuster fan:** On the latest episode of cleveland.com's "Ohio Matters" podcast, Attorney General Mike DeWine says he's proud of the work he did as a U.S. senator to keep the filibuster for judicial nominees. DeWine said Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor is "dead wrong" to criticize him for it.

= 9 **Getting an opioid fix:** State and federal officials floated several ideas last week about how to address the ongoing opioid addiction crisis, cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt reports. National Institutes of Health Director Francis Collins, speaking at Ohio State University, said research will be crucial to stop overdose deaths and treat addiction. U.S. Labor Secretary Alexander Acosta announced \$21 million in anti-opioid job-training grants. And Mike DeWine backed the Ohio State Chiropractic Association's call for greater awareness of chiropractor care for pain patients.

= 9 **Bill dead:** A bill that was to reduce the annual cost of living adjustment to state retirees in an attempt to shore up the Ohio Public Employees Retirement system is dead, reports the Columbus Dispatch's Catherine Candisky. Retirees complained to lawmakers that they made their decisions about when to retire based on the current 3 percent increase,

and there are not enough votes for House Bill 413.

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Marching on: Thousands of protesters called for increased gun control during “March For Our Lives” rallies on Saturday in Cincinnati, Columbus, and Cleveland, among other major cities in Ohio and nationwide.

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Trigger warning: Gov. John Kasich said Sunday on CNN that voters should oust lawmakers who don’t enact reforms to address gun violence. “If they do not bring about change, I think people should absolutely be held accountable at the ballot box,” the governor said.

= 9 **Different aims:** One Ohio legislator, Sen. Joe Uecker, didn’t see eye to eye on gun reforms with student activists during a meeting last week. The Clermont County Republican told the students an assault weapons ban would restrict too many guns. He said they would save more lives if they focused on traffic safety instead. “I just think they don’t have a full understanding of what the problem is,” Uecker said of the students, according to the Cincinnati Enquirer’s Chrissie Thompson.

= 9 **What’s the Plan now?** There are worries about the future of the state’s “Youngstown Plan,” passed in 2015 to rescue the city’s ailing school district by putting it under state control. The Vindicator’s Amanda Tonoli writes that many of the original players with the plan are jumping ship, including the district’s CEO.

= 9 **Ackison attacks:** Republican U.S. Senate candidate Melissa Ackison, speaking with the Sandusky Register on Friday, didn’t have very nice words for primary frontrunner Jim Renacci or the Ohio Republican Party’s decision to endorse him. As the Register’s Tom Jackson writes, Ackison said the state party’s endorsement has “decimated” people’s faith in the process. “Jim Renacci, you could put a bow on his head and give him as a gift to Sen. Brown because Brown will destroy Renacci,” she added.

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Tales from the trail: The four major Democratic candidates for governor have been hitting the campaign trail hard in recent weeks, and the Dispatch’s Marty Schladen has been tagging along with them. Among the things he learned: Richard Cordray conceded it wasn’t ideal to stay out of the race until December but said he felt an “obligation” to stay at the

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau until he hammered out a payday lending rule, among other things. Bill O'Neill, meanwhile, is only now starting to fill his schedule with campaign activities and said he's still in the race because he couldn't push Cordray into supporting marijuana legalization.

= 9 **Sticking around:** Contrary to Democratic chatter (or wishful thinking), Republican U.S. Rep. Steve Chabot has no plans to retire. As the Enquirer's Jason Williams writes, "Republicans say Chabot is ready to do battle with Democratic up-and-comer Aftab Pureval in Ohio's 1st Congressional District."

= 9 **Full Disclosure**

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Five things we learned from Akron Democratic Sen. Vernon Sykes' May 15 ethics disclosure statement.

= 9 1. In 2016, he wasn't in the General Assembly but worked as a political science professor and director of the Columbus Program in State Issues at Kent State University, earning between \$50,000 and \$99,999. He drew \$50,000 to \$99,999 from the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System. And he earned \$10,000 to \$24,999 in rental income that year.

= 9 2. He was a board member of the Akron Area YMCA and the Child Guidance and Family Solutions last year. He was on Summa Health's government relations committee and a partner in Vernon and Barbara Skyes and Associates, a property rental company.

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3. In addition to investing in OPERS, he has mutual funds with Lincoln Financial, the State Teachers Retirement System and Ohio Deferred Compensation.

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4. In addition to his primary residence, he owned property on Rich Street in Columbus and Howard Street in Akron.

= A 5. He owed at least \$1,000 each in 2016 to Chase, American Express, Fifth Third Bank, Huntington Bank and Capital One.

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On the Move

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Columbiana County Common Pleas Court Magistrate Kathleen J. Bartlett was appointed by Gov. John Kasich on Friday to fill Ohio Supreme Court Justice Mary DeGeraro's vacant seat on the Seventh District Court of Appeals.

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Guy Coviello, the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber's vice president of government affairs, has been named by Kasich to the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission.

= 9 What's Going On

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10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Ohio Collaborative Community-Police Advisory Board. *Ohio Department of Public Safety atrium, 1970 W. Broad St.*

= 9 **10 a.m. – Press conference on gun violence prevention**

legislation: Democratic Sen. Cecil Thomas will be joined by local gun safety advocates to announce a package of bills. *Washington Park, 1230 Elm St., Cincinnati.*

= 9 **1:30 p.m. – Controlling Board.** *North Hearing Room, Senate Building.*

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1:30 p.m. – Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review. *Finance Hearing Room, Senate Building.*

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2 p.m. – Mary Taylor to campaign in Seneca, Ottawa counties: The lieutenant governor and GOP gubernatorial candidate has stops planned in Tiffin at 2 p.m. and Port Clinton at 4 p.m.

= 9 **6 to 7 p.m. – Joe Schiavoni to hold town hall on fertility center**

errors: The Democratic gubernatorial candidate and state senator plans to talk about freezer problems at clinics in Cleveland and California that may have damaged thousands of eggs and embryos. *Newburgh Heights Community Center, 3801 Harvard Ave., Newburgh Heights.*

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6 p.m. – Secretary of State/LG candidate Jon Husted to keynote Pike

**County GOP Lincoln Day Dinner. World Alive Fellowship, 204
Commercial Blvd., Piketon.**

= 9 Straight From The Source

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"Marching, holding rallies, communicating with our public officials wasn't enough (to the point) that we had to be more involved directly. There are many people who are very qualified like us who might not have been interested in working in politics who are now stepping up, putting our money where our mouth is and saying we're going to take this risk and run for office."

= 9 - Democrat Lauren Friedman of Jackson Township, who is running for the Ohio Senate against Republican Kirk Schuring, who is now the influential speaker pro tempore in the House. Friedman and Democrat Lorraine Wilburn, who is in an Ohio House race against Scott Oelslager, the powerful chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, were profiled by the Canton Repository.

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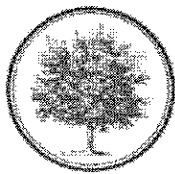
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Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer, and Daniel J. Dew, legal fellow at The Buckeye Institute are featured speakers at the **Federalist Society's 2018 Ohio Lawyers Chapters Conference** on Friday, April 6.

The one-day conference still has a few spots left (register now to guarantee your seat at what promises to be a great event).

We hope you will consider attending, particularly if you have an interest in legal issues and/or either the Janus case or criminal justice reform-Robert's and Daniel's respective topics of discussion.

Friday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Westin Columbus (310 High Street).

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Buckeye's president and CEO Robert Alt will moderate the luncheon panel discussion on *Janus v. American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 31*. Alt attended oral arguments in the case, which were heard by the United States Supreme Court on February 26.

The case turns on the question of whether "agency fee" arrangements-which require workers to pay union fees to public sector unions to cover the unions' activities other than political action-violate the First Amendment.

The Buckeye Institute filed two **amicus** briefs in the case arguing that overturning *Abood v. Detroit Board of Education* is unlikely to cause significant decline in union membership or spending, with Alt saying that the case "has the potential to be one of the most important labor and free speech cases in the past 40 years."

The panelists are:

- William L. Messenger, staff attorney at the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation; and
- L. Camille Hebert, Carter C. Kissell professor of law at Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University.

Buckeye's legal fellow Daniel Dew, author of "*Money Bail*": *Making Ohio a More Dangerous Place to Live*, will speak on the panel "Criminal Justice Reform: A Necessary Correction or a Dangerous Experiment?" The panel will look a range of issues including over-criminalization, prison reform, bail reform, and sentencing guidelines reform.

The panel will be moderated by the Honorable Sharon Kennedy, associate justice on the Ohio Supreme Court, and panelists are:

- Dave Yost, Ohio state auditor;
- Daniel J. Dew, legal fellow at The Buckeye Institute's **Legal Center**; and
- Heather Childs, vice president, compliance, Capital One.

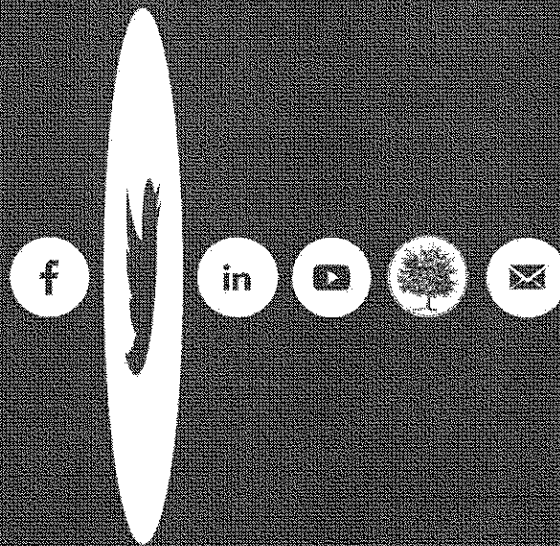
The conference will also feature opening remarks by Chad A. Readler, acting assistant attorney general of the United States Department of Justice Civil Division, and will include panels on originalism, federalism, and analyzing Ohio's judicial system and the Ohio Supreme Court.

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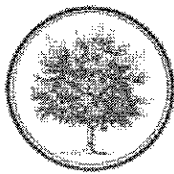
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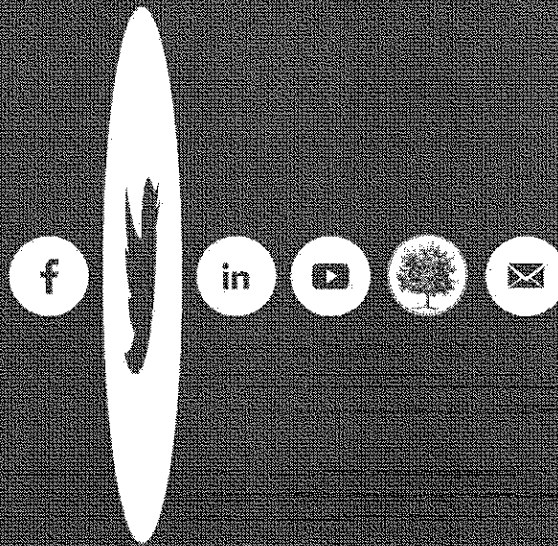
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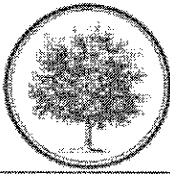
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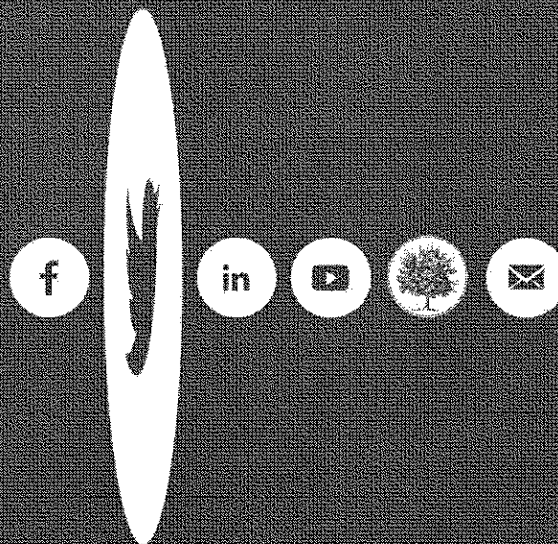
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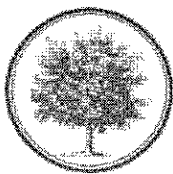
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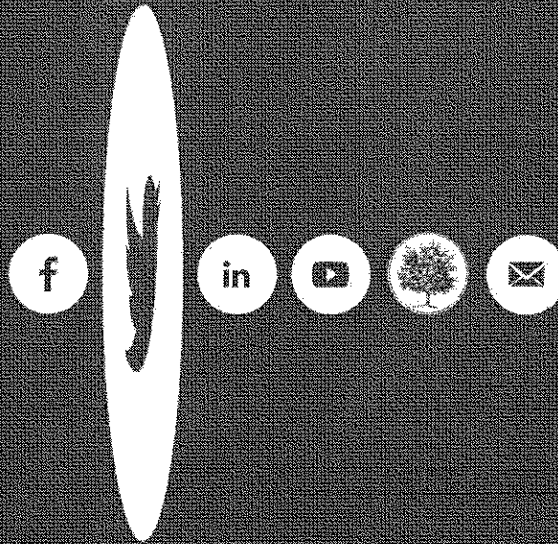
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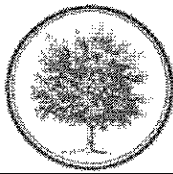
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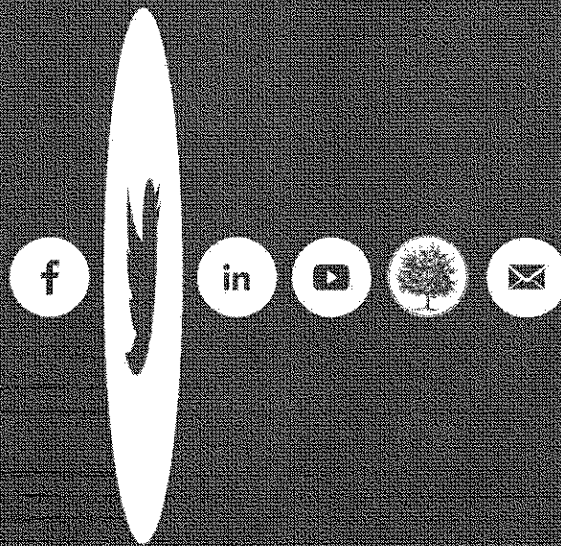
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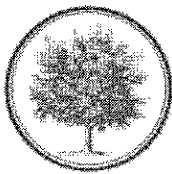
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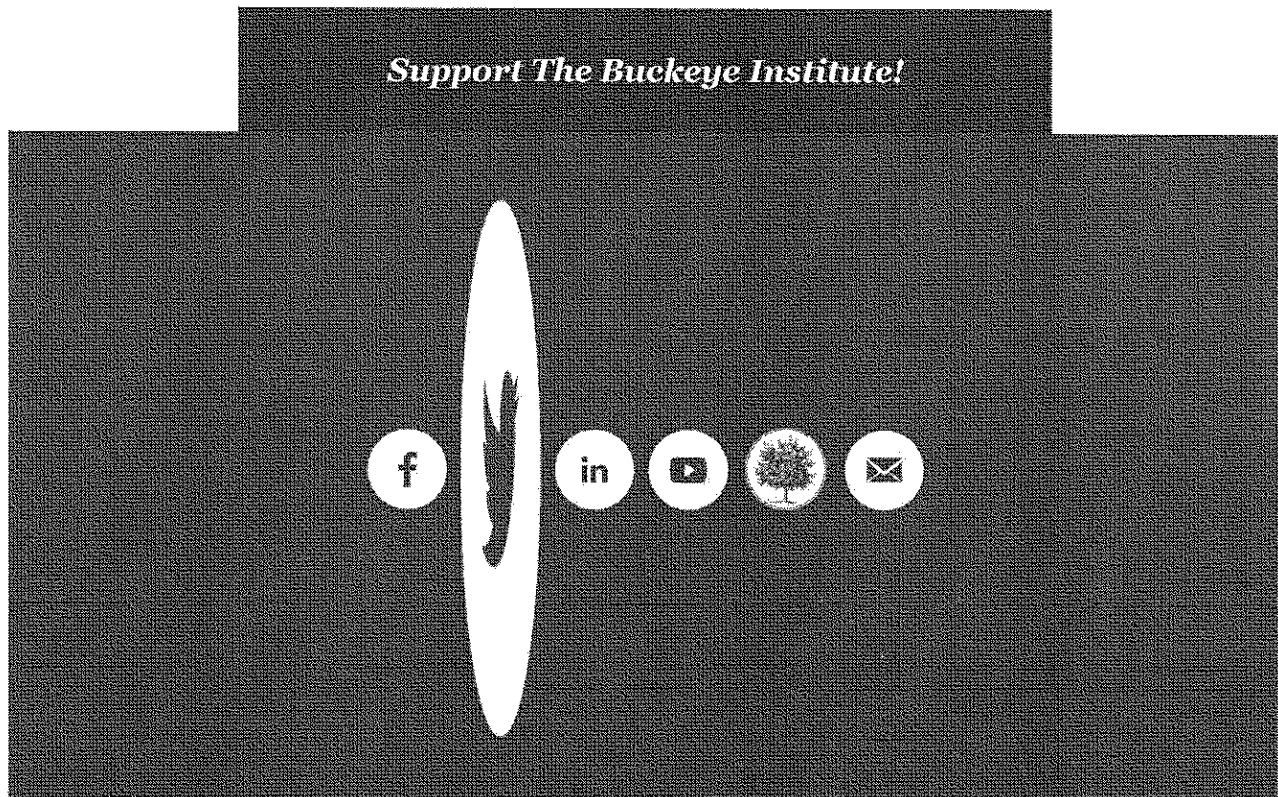
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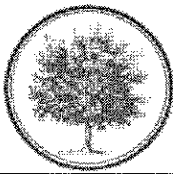
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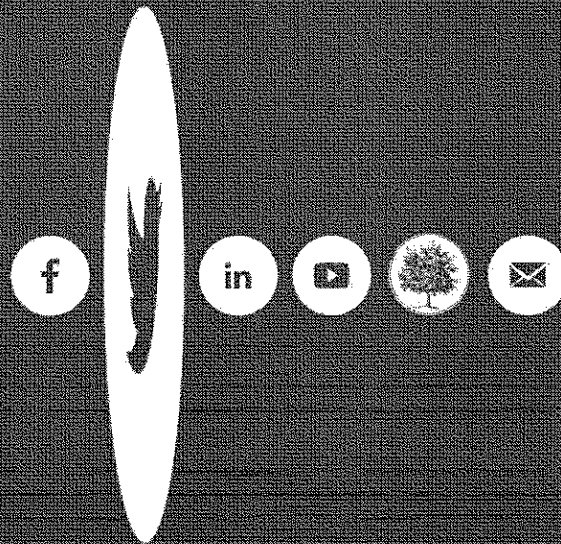
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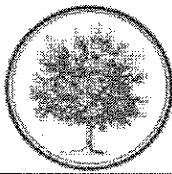
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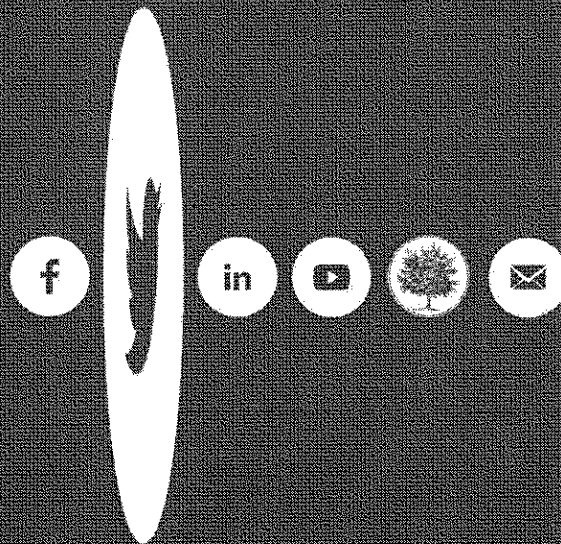
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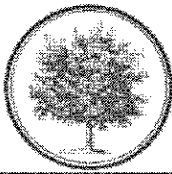
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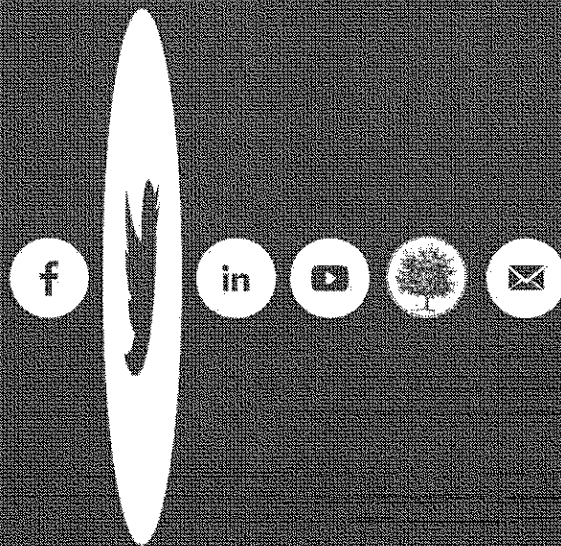
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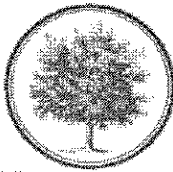
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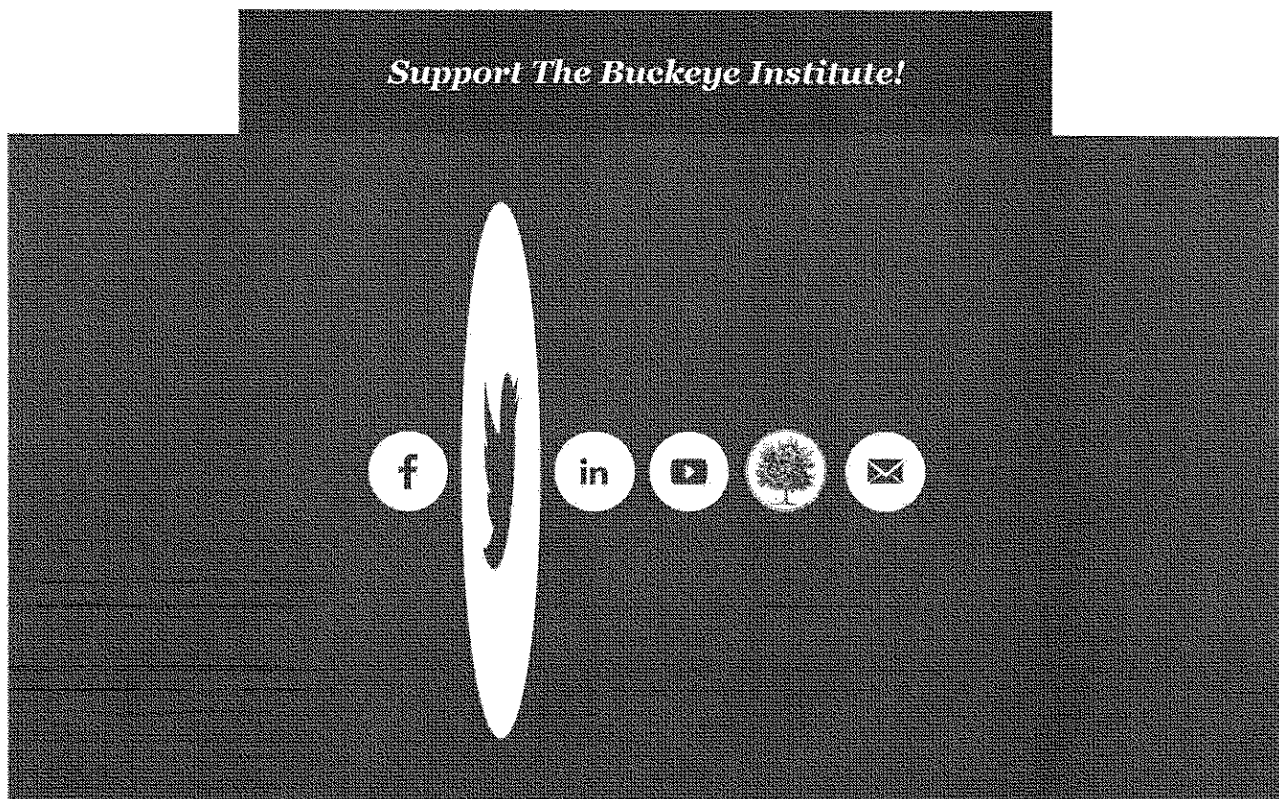
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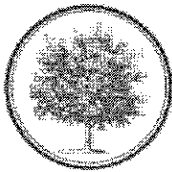
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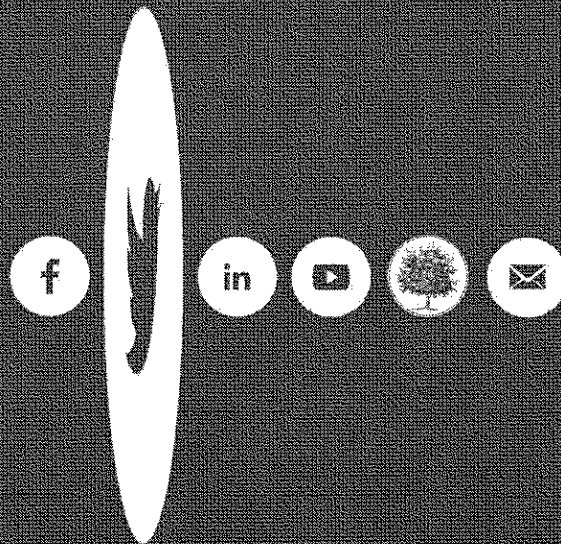
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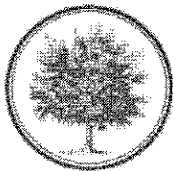
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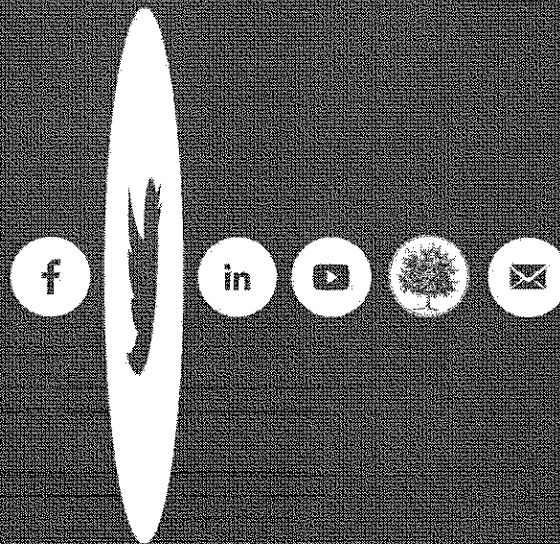
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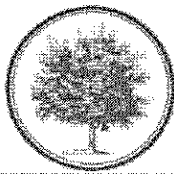
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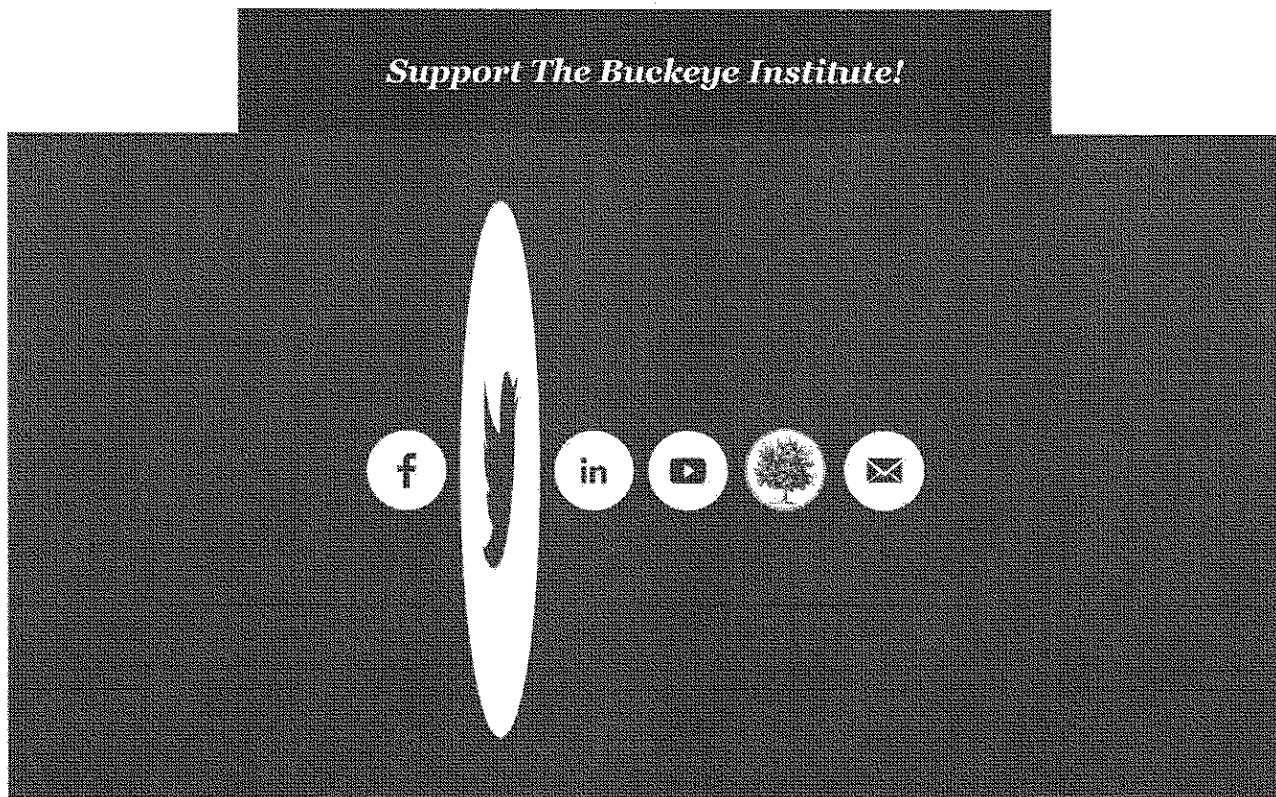
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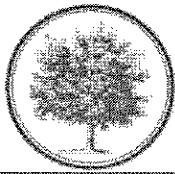
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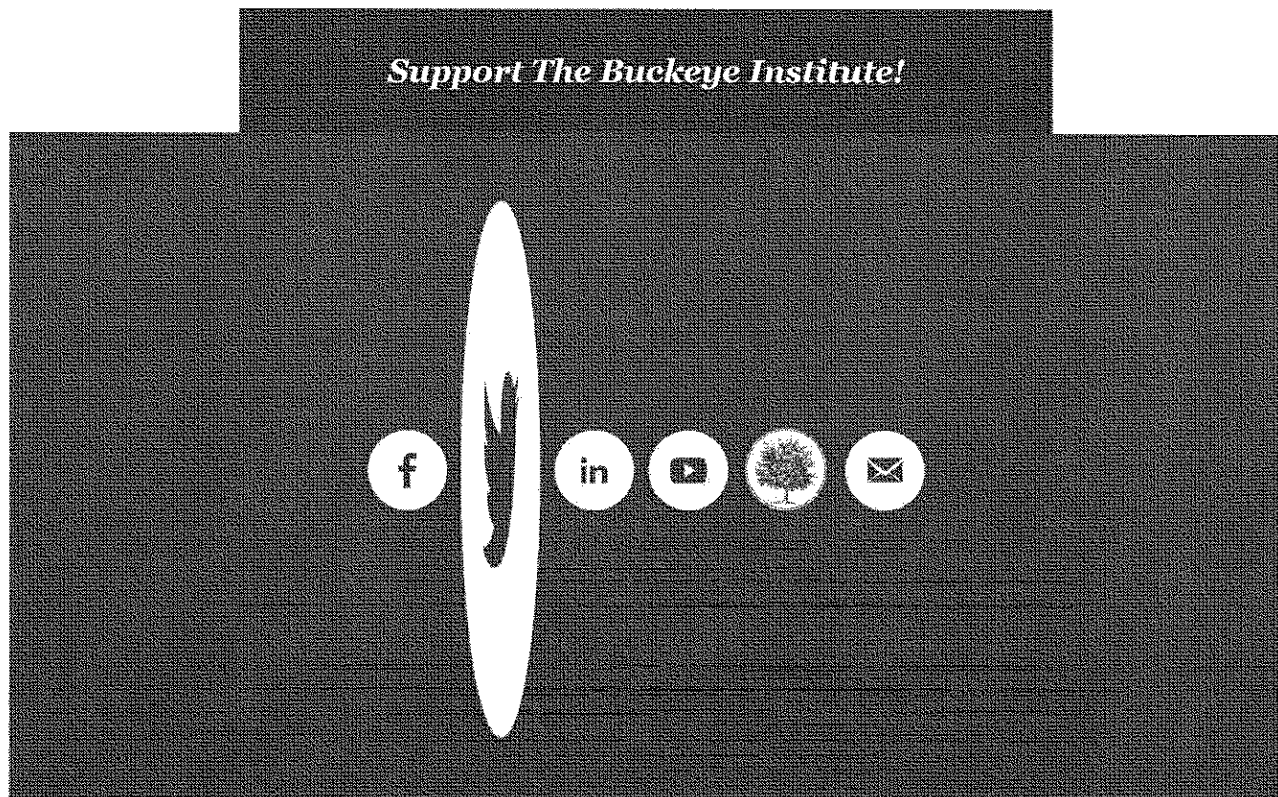
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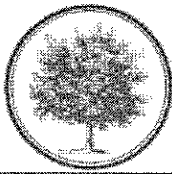
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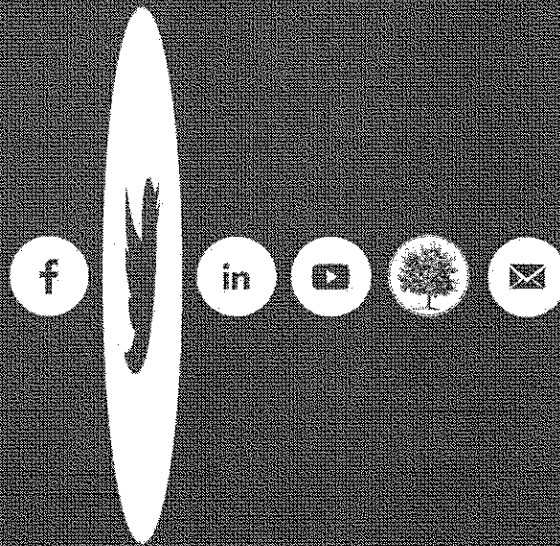
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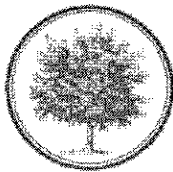
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Columbus, OH -- The Buckeye Institute announced today that Andrew J. Kidd, Ph.D., has joined its **Economic Research Center** as a senior level economist. In this role, Kidd will conduct and produce original economic research that looks at and analyzes the impact of state and federal policies on peoples' lives and on the economy.

"We are pleased to have **Dr. Kidd** join our team and help lead our efforts to produce reliable economic research and data analysis that looks at how government policies and proposals impact state budgets and our wallets," said Robert Alt, president and chief executive officer of The Buckeye Institute. "This type of research is vital for policymakers

around the country as they work to understand how their proposals will affect government revenues, economic growth, and job creation."

A native Ohioan, Kidd received his bachelor's degree in economics and mathematics from the **University of Notre Dame** before completing his master's degree and his doctorate in economics from the **University of Wisconsin-Madison**. Kidd has served as a research assistant at the **UW Population Health Institute** at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he was involved in research that looked at the impact of premium policy changes to BadgerCare, Wisconsin's health care coverage program for low-income Wisconsin residents.

During his time at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Kidd's research focus was in demography, education, labor outcomes, and the effects of public policy on labor, education, and health outcomes.

Tyler Shankel also joined Buckeye's Economic Research Center as an economic policy analyst. Shankel earned his bachelor's degree in economics and a minor in Persian from **The Ohio State University**. There, he worked on a comprehensive policy analysis project examining land tenure reform on Indian reservations, and other policy issues relating to economic development in Native American communities. He attended the **University of Colorado Boulder's** economics doctorate program before returning to Columbus.

"Andrew and Tyler are great additions to our team and their work and research will benefit not just policymakers in Ohio and throughout the country, but it will benefit ordinary citizens who want to know how budgetary and tax policy proposals will affect them and pocketbooks," said Rea S. Hederman, executive director of the Economic Research Center and vice president of policy at The Buckeye Institute.

The Economic Research Center at The Buckeye Institute provides reliable economic research, data analysis, and econometric modeling at the state level. Using a macroeconomic dynamic scoring model -- developed by economists at the Economic Research Center -- ERC research shows how even small policy changes affect state budgets, citizens' pocketbooks, and individual behavior.

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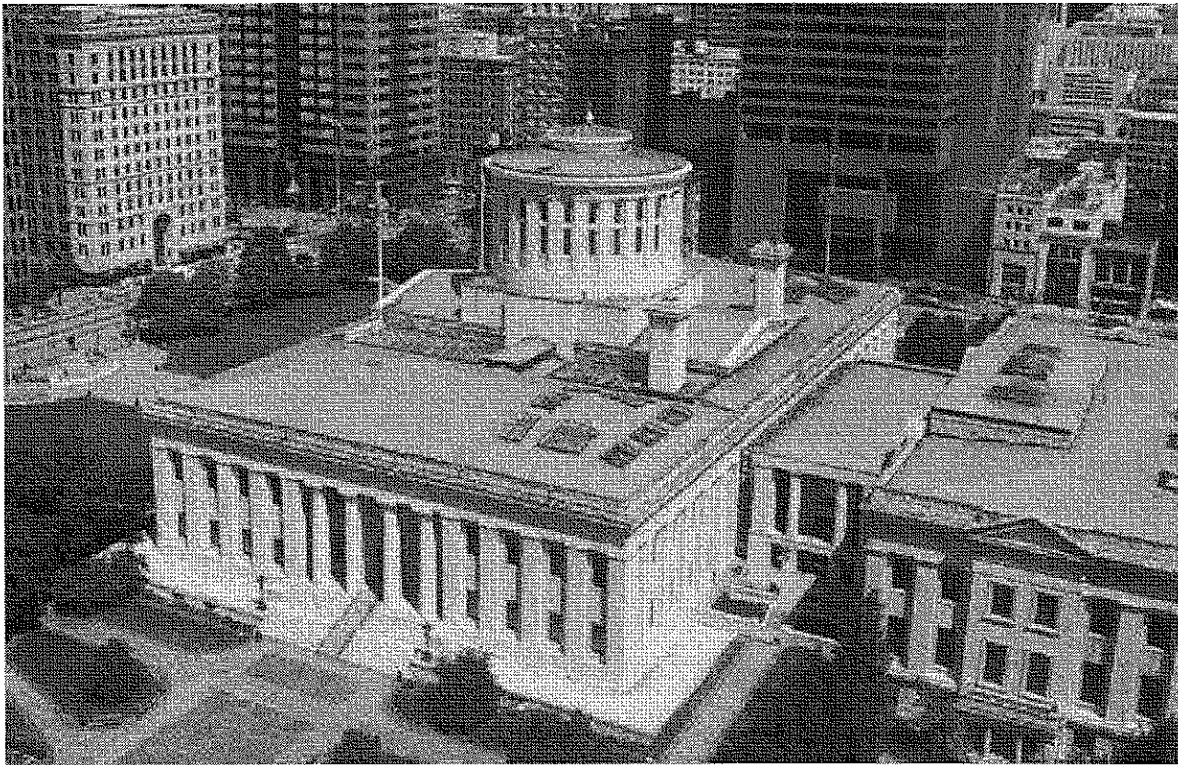
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Rotunda Rumblings

= 9 **Dropping the 'golden parachute' tax?** Cities are likely going to kiss goodbye income taxes from golden parachutes and other financial windfalls parting executives receive. Ohio Senate Pro Tempore Bob Peterson told Capitol Letter Tuesday that he's helping draft an amendment to a soon-to-be identified bill that will no longer treat the money -- technically called supplemental executive retirement plans (SERPs) -- as taxable income. Instead, SERPs will be subject to taxes as they're drawn throughout retirement. Cities will get hit if the General Assembly adopts the measure, the Ohio Municipal League's Kent Scarrett said.

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Abbreviated history: Ohio cities and the legislature have been at odds over SERPs for years. Both sides agreed to leave the benefits out of the municipal tax overhaul legislation in 2014, since the Ohio Supreme Court

was about to weigh in on the issue. In the fall, the court sided with a SERP recipient that his money wasn't taxable income. Peterson argues the court's decision means the legislature needs to clarify that SERPs are not subject to municipal income tax. He said the amendment will come in the next two months. Scarrett, however, believes the two cities affected by the Supreme Court decision simply had poorly written tax laws, and that the decision doesn't apply across the state.

= **9 Pop off the cap:** When people are injured in a car accident or hurt in a slip and fall, the amount of money they can receive in punitive damages is generally capped under Ohio law, said Sen. John Eklund, who is an attorney. However, there's an exception when a defendant intended to cause someone harm. Then the cap is lifted. Eklund wants to expand the exemption to allow people to collect more damages when a crime has been committed -- for instance if someone was injured by a drunken driver who was convicted of aggravated vehicular assault. Eklund= 2s Senate Bill 280 would allow the cap to be lifted if someone has been convicted of a felony in criminal court.

= **9 Health-care equality:** A handful of Ohio public hospitals and health care systems were recognized in a new Human Rights Campaign report for LGBTQ inclusion. That means employee training for non-discrimination, transgender services and support or having pro-gay employee policies. Those singled out: MetroHealth, University of Toledo Medical Center, Columbus Public Health Department and Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, as well as OSU's James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

= **9 Yes on 1:** Ohio GOP leadership on Tuesday night endorsed Issue 1, the congressional redistricting plan, the party announced on Twitter. Last month, Ohio Democratic Party leaders also voted to support the bipartisan proposal.

= **9 Candidate endorsement roundup:** Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rich Cordray on Tuesday was backed by The Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE/AFSCME Local 4).

= **9 The Lake County Republican Party** on Monday endorsed U.S. Senate

candidate Jim Renacci.

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Ohio 12th Congressional District Republican candidate Melanie Leneghan has picked up the support of Ohio Value Voters, an anti-abortion group.

= 9 Ohio 12th Congressional District Democratic candidate Danny O'Connor has won the backing of the Sheet Metal Workers International Union and the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District 6.

= 9 Rep. Christina Hagan, a GOP candidate for Ohio's 16th Congressional District, has been endorsed by another anti-abortion group, the Susan B. Anthony List.

= 9 **Local support?** The Franklin County Democratic Party's executive committee is slated to vote Wednesday on endorsing Cordray for governor. Cordray, who lives in south suburban Columbus, has already scored endorsements from a large number of Franklin County Democrats, including Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther, ex-Mayor Michael Coleman, and Columbus City Council President Shannon Hardin. Things could get interesting, though, as primary rivals Joe Schiavoni and Dennis Kucinich are expected to be at the meeting along with Cordray.

= 9 **Stories We're Talking About**

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Stranger than fiction: The weird drama in a Dayton-area House race continued Tuesday, with challenger Jocelyn Smith calling for Republican Rep. Rick Perales to step down and to take a lie detector test, Lynn Hulsey of the Dayton Daily News reports. Perales has denied Smith's accusation that he choked and kissed her three years ago, but he acknowledges that he carried on a sexting relationship with her. She said she would release text messages between them if he didn't resign. House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger is reviewing the allegations, Hulsey reports.

= 9 **Gaming it out:** "The Ohio Casino Control Commission is expected on April 23 to launch a new system to license and regulate games of skill such as claw machines that nab prizes or arcade games that issue tokens or tickets," cleveland.com's Karen Farkas reports. A 2015 state law gave the commission oversight of the games, and it has been drafting rules and

license fees for them.

= 9 **Eyes on Ohio:** NBC News listed the Ohio Democratic and Republican governor's primaries among the 10 "most compelling, contentious or consequential primaries to watch."

= 9 **Kasich and Cuban:** Gov. John Kasich will be on a panel with businessman Mark Cuban at Ohio State University Monday to talk about the impact of automation and innovation, the Columbus Dispatch's Randy Ludlow reports. It's part of the Axios "Smarter Faster Revolution" tour.

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It's ugly: Ludlow also has an update on the increasingly nasty and personal Republican governor's race between Attorney General Mike DeWine and Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor.

= 9 **Five Questions**

= 9 Giulia Cambieri is deputy communications director for the Ohio Senate Democrats.

= 9 *1. You don't have the usual background of an Ohio legislative staffer. How did you make it to the Ohio General Assembly?*

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"I was born and raised in Italy. I moved here three years ago – my husband is American and works and lives in Columbus. At the time, I was living in London – that's where we met -- and it was just easier for me to move across the Atlantic than for him at the time. My background is in journalism, so when I moved here three years ago, I decided I wanted to switch from journalism, and I started looking for jobs."

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2. What is the difference between journalism here versus in Europe?

= 9 "Where I'm from, and I lived both in Italy and in France, journalists have more of almost, like, an intellectual role. Reporters are significant, but for the most part, journalists are expected to give their opinions."

= 9 *3. Are you planning to stay in Ohio for good?*

= A = 2We're not sure. At some point, we would probably like to get close to one side of our family, and that's probably going to be my husband's side, which lives in the Boston area. But we don't really have a time frame for when that's going to happen, so I see myself in Columbus for at least another two years – and then, who knows?

= 9 4. *What would you be doing if you weren't doing your current job?*

= 9 "Probably open a cafe with a book shop next to it. I love reading and just the culture of American cafes."

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5. *Any book recommendations?*

= 9 "I recently finished reading *The Power* by Naomi Alderman. It's really good, and I just love how she reverses gender stereotypes. It's quite impressive to think that she wrote it before the election of President Trump, because it's definitely reminiscent of a lot of the themes that came out during the campaign."

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On The Move

= 9 Andrew Kidd has joined the conservative Buckeye Institute's Economic Research Center as a senior level economist. He will analyze the impact of state and federal policies on peoples' lives and the economy. Kidd most recently researched BadgerCare, Wisconsin's low-income health coverage program, at the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute.

= 9 Tyler Shankel also joined Buckeye's Economic Research Center as an economic policy analyst. He earned a bachelor's degree from Ohio State University and attended University of Colorado Boulder's economics doctorate program before returning to Columbus.

= 9 What's Going On Today

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9:15 a.m. – David Pepper to meet with reporters outside DeWine-Husted event: Ohio Democratic Party Chairman David Pepper is scheduled to hold a media availability in advance of a Mike DeWine and

Jon Husted panel on entrepreneurship. *Outside of Rev1 Ventures, 1275 Kinnear Rd.*

= 9 **10 a.m. – Mike DeWine, Jon Husted to discuss entrepreneurship:** The Republican gubernatorial ticket is set to hold a panel discussion with Ohio entrepreneurs. *Rev1 Ventures, 1275 Kinnear Rd.*

= 9 **10 a.m. – Mary Taylor continues Western Ohio campaign tour:** The lieutenant governor and GOP gubernatorial candidate's schedule includes stops in Urbana at 10 a.m., Bellefontaine at 1 p.m., and Celina at 4 p.m.
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10 a.m. – State Personnel Board of Review. *12th floor, 65 E. State St., Columbus.*

= 9 **1 p.m. – Rob Portman to visit Utica ice-cream maker:** The Republican U.S. senator is set to tour Velvet Ice Cream headquarters as part of his "Results for the Middle-Class Tax Reform Tour." *1324 Mt. Vernon Rd., Utica.*

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1:30 p.m. – Public Utilities Commission of Ohio meeting. *Room 11B, 180 E. Broad St.*

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6 to 8 p.m. – Franklin County Democratic Party Executive Committee meeting. *Columbus Firefighters Union, 379 W. Broad St.*

= 9 **6:30 to 8 p.m. – Rob Richardson for treasurer fundraiser:** The Cincinnati Democrat is seeking donations between \$250 and \$2,500. Scheduled attendees include Ohio Democratic Party Chair David Pepper and Cincinnati City Councilman PG Sittenfeld. Pepper's parents, Francie and John Pepper, are hosting the event at their Cincinnati home.

= 9 **Birthdays**

= 9 Terese Herhold, Ohio Senate Democrats' director of policy, budget and finance

= 9 Rep. Paul Zeltwanger

= 9 **Straight From The Source**

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"As a former cop, I saw how devastating gun violence is to our communities. Not too long ago I knelt next to a young man who was shot and left dying in the street. Now that I'm in this position, it has given me a new energy to combat this problem. #Enough."

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- State Sen. Cecil Thomas, a Cincinnati Democrat, touting on Twitter Tuesday a package of gun-control legislation he is sponsoring.

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= 9 Columbus Catholics stop at the Ohio Statehouse during Stations of the Cross Friday and pray for the abolition of the death penalty. (Laura Hancock/Capitol Letter)

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= 9 **Rotunda Rumblings**

= 9 **Hotel bills:** A new House bill would require online travel companies such as Expedia to pay sales and lodging taxes on the rate they sell the room for. The firms currently just pay taxes on wholesale prices. House Bill 571 sponsor Rep. Dave Greenspan said hotel rates will not increase because companies and not customers will pay the increased taxes. Greenspan said customers are generally charged extra fees anyway that go straight into the online companies' pockets and are not shared with local

governments.

= 9 **Opposition:** Micah Derry of Americans for Prosperity of Ohio is leading the opposition to what he's calling a #GreenspanTax on social media. He said that travelers will inevitably be stuck with higher priced hotel rooms because online travel companies will pass the tax increase on.

= 9 **PUCO responds to FirstEnergy bankruptcy:** Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Chairman Asim Haque said in a 12:15 a.m. Sunday statement that the Akron utility's bankruptcy reorg filing is not a surprise, that Wall Street had anticipated it. He said customers will continue to have electricity. PUCO doesn't regulate nuclear power plants, but it has authority over power lines. Haque said PUCO agreed in 2016 to allow FirstEnergy's parent company to charge customers an additional \$540 million over the next three years to help ensure grid reliability and modernization, and that fee can be extended for two years.

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Kasich signs bills: Gov. John Kasich signed a handful of bills Friday, including: Senate Bill 226, which will make permanent a three-day, back-to-school-shopping sales tax holiday; S.B. 22, which will allow tax deductible contributions for K-12 education expenses in Ohio 529 savings plans; and H.B. 98, which will allow representatives of tech schools or skilled trades to visit high schools at least twice a year.

= A **Campaign details:** The campaign to pass Issue 1, the bipartisan-backed congressional redistricting measure, will rely on targeted digital communication, said Democratic political veteran Keary McCarthy, who is running the bipartisan campaign with the Ohio Environmental Council's Heather Taylor-Miesle, former Ohio House chief of staff Mike Dittoe and former Ohio Senate chief of staff Jason Mauk. McCarthy said the money for digital advertisements will come from business and labor. In addition to the digital campaign, expect to see Issue 1 on sample ballots that each party mails to its members.

= 9 **Differences:** This year's Issue 1 campaign strategy is a different from the 2015 campaign for legislative redistricting. The 2015 ballot measure was adopted during a General Election. This year, the measure will be on partisan primary ballots, so each party is tailoring pro-Issue 1 messages

differently to voters, McCarthy said. The Democratic firm handling social media is Dennis Willard's Precision New Media. The contract with the GOP firm hasn't yet been signed. Overseeing the effort is a coalition with the following: U.S. Reps. Steve Stivers and Joyce Beatty, Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof, Ohio House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger, Ohio Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko, House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn and Ann Henkenner of the League of Women Voters.

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Down to one: Sharon Sweda is now running unopposed in the Democratic primary for Senate District 13 after ex-Oberlin City Councilman David Ashenhurst withdrew his name from the ballot, according to the Lorain County Board of Elections. Sweda, a realtor from Amherst, will likely face GOP Rep. Nathan Manning in the fall for the seat currently held by his term-limited mother, Sen. Gayle Manning.

= 9 **Thinking about going back to school?** Ohio State University's John Glenn College of Public Affairs tied with American University, Columbia, Duke and Georgia State as the 18th best program in the U.S. for a graduate degree in public affairs, according to the latest rankings from U.S. News and World Report. Cleveland State's Levin College ranked at 59. Ohio University's Voinovich School was 77th, Kent State and the University of Dayton were 135. Bowling Green State was 155. U.S. News didn't publish the ranking of dozens of other schools, including the University of Akron's Bliss Institute.

= 9 **Laying into Larry:** A mysterious ad targeting House speaker hopeful Larry Householder ad popped up during Sunday morning news shows in the Columbus media market, according to Columbus-based Medium Buying, which tracks political ad buys. "The FBI and Justice Department harassed President Trump, wasting millions on a witch hunt, but they refused to put Crooked Hillary or Lying Larry Householder behind bars?" an announcer intones in the ad, referring to a 2004 federal investigation into allegations that the Perry County Republican and staffers traded legislation for contributions (no charges were filed). The group behind the ad, the "Honor and Principles PAC," was founded last week in Virginia, though it's unclear who's behind the organization.

= 9 **Stories We're Talking About**

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Check's in the mail: Gov. John Kasich signed Friday the two-year, \$2.6 billion capital budget. Cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt explains the money will pay for improvements to roads, schools, universities and public buildings, as well as dozens of community projects.

= 9 **A bluff?** Numerous critics, including environmental and business groups, responded to FirstEnergy's request that the U.S. Department of Energy help it sell power on the market. The critics said the Akron-based company is spreading a false alert that the electricity grid will experience upheaval as its nuke plants are shuttered. The groups counter that the grid will be fine and FirstEnergy is seeking a bailout, writes The Plain Dealer's John Funk.

= 9 **New member:** Charles Froehlich joins the state school board, having resigned as president of the Avon Lake school board for the new position, The Plain Dealer's Patrick O'Donnell reports. Froehlich is concerned about workforce needs at a time the board's future is debated with House Bill 512, which would strip its education policy authority.

= 9 **Kucinich calling:** The Cincinnati Enquirer's Jason Williams points out that Dem gov candidate Dennis Kucinich's eccentricities – such as calling the investigation of Russian meddling in the presidential race a deep state political hoax, having met with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and once lauding President Donald Trump's inauguration speech – make him an anti-establishment candidate a la Bernie Sanders or Trump. That may be why he's nipping at Dem frontrunner Rich Cordray's heels. In post-2016 America, Cordray may be too boring, he writes.

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Rising star: Term-limited Cincinnati City Councilman P.G. Sittenfeld joins cleveland.com's Ohio Matters podcast to talk about his political future, which may include a run for the city's mayor. Sittenfeld, who knows how to raise campaign cash, ran unsuccessfully for U.S. Senate as a Democrat in 2016.

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Must be nice: Zinovi Goubar, a psychiatrist with the Ohio Department of

Mental Health and Addiction Services, made \$590,005 last year, including \$357,593.92 in overtime, according to state payroll records requested by the Columbus Dispatch. Goubar is the first non-university state employee to earn over a half million a year.

= 9 **Here we go again:** Gov. John Kasich returns to New Hampshire this week, which will fuel buzz that he's running for president in 2020, the Dispatch reports.

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About that 'stache: President Donald Trump has typically hired "svelte women and square-jawed, clean-shaven men," writes Wright State University's Christopher Oldstone-Moore in the New York Times. But John Bolton, the pick for national security adviser, has a broom mustache, which "can signal a tendency toward the sort of masculine impulsiveness and aggression that is dear to Mr. Trump's own heart."

= 9 **Abortion about-face?** Sara Carruthers, one of Rep. Wes Retherford's GOP primary opponents in House District 51, is being questioned over a 2016 Facebook post in which she states "I totally support LGBTQ and abortion at a reasonable time of pregnancy," according to Michael Pitman of the Hamilton/Middletown Journal-News. Carruthers now says she's against abortion, noting that she was endorsed last week by Ohio Right To Life's PAC.

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Full Disclosure

= 9 Five things we learned from Bazetta Democratic state Sen. Sean O'Brien's May 15 ethics disclosure statement.

= 9 1. In 2016, he served in the House, earning \$65,584. He is an attorney for Fowler, Goodman and O'Brien, and earned between \$10,000 and \$24,999 in 2016. He was a partner in both Thread Protector and Supply and S & J Limited Partnership, earning \$1,000 to \$9,999 from each.

= 9 2. He owed at least \$1,000 in 2016 to Ally Bank, Capital One and First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

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3. He has a mutual fund with American Funds, life insurance each with Mass Mutual and Northwest Mutual, and has invested in the Ohio Public Employee Retirement System and Ohio Deferred Compensation.

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4. He received baseball tickets valued at \$184 from the Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association on July 9, 2016. He went golfing Aug. 31, 2016, and the Ohio Credit Union League and Affiliates picked up \$55 in greens and cart fees. He got two free breakfasts in 2016 – one worth \$10 from the Ohio Automobile Dealers Association and another worth \$16 from the University of Akron.

= 95. The state reimbursed him \$5,110.96 in mileage between Columbus and home when he was a representative. The U.S. Air Force Reserve reimbursed him \$1,100 for travel. He is on the Youngstown Air Base Council.

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What's Going On Today

= 9 **11 a.m. – John Kasich, Mark Cuban to attend Axios forum:** The Ohio governor, the billionaire businessman, and the co-founders of the news website Axios plan to discuss the impact of automation and innovation on the future of work. *Performance Hall, Ohio Union, Ohio State University, 1739 N. High St.*

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1 p.m. – State Board of Education Executive Committee meeting. *Ohio Department of Education, 25 S. Front St.*

= 9 **4:45 p.m. – Mary Taylor to campaign in north central Ohio:** The lieutenant governor and GOP gubernatorial candidate has stops planned in Mt. Gilead at 4:45 p.m. and Bucyrus at 6:30 p.m.

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6 to 7:30 p.m. – Exonerated death-row inmate to discuss Ohio's death penalty: Joe D'Ambrosio will participate in a discussion about wrongful convictions and Ohio's death penalty in a forum sponsored by the OSU chapter of Amnesty International. *Tanya Rutner Hartman room, Ohio Union, Ohio State University, 1739 N. High St.*

= 9 7 to 11 p.m. ? 3 Joe Schiavoni to hold **March Madness fundraiser:**

Admission is \$50 (including food and beer) for the event featuring the Democratic candidate for governor. *Cocca's Pizza, 7144 Market St., Boardman.*

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Birthdays

= 9 James M. Cox, Ohio's 46th and 48th governor, 1920 Democratic presidential nominee (1870-1957)

= 9 Straight From The Source

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"My family is in Iceland and Amsterdam. If I went there, the press would really pass out. I just go across state lines."

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-Gov. John Kasich on Friday, joking about how he can't accompany his family on their overseas travels.

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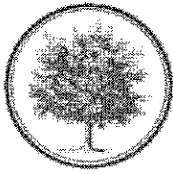
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Columbus, OH -- The Buckeye Institute issued the following statement regarding the proposal to raise the threshold for salaried employees to be eligible for overtime.

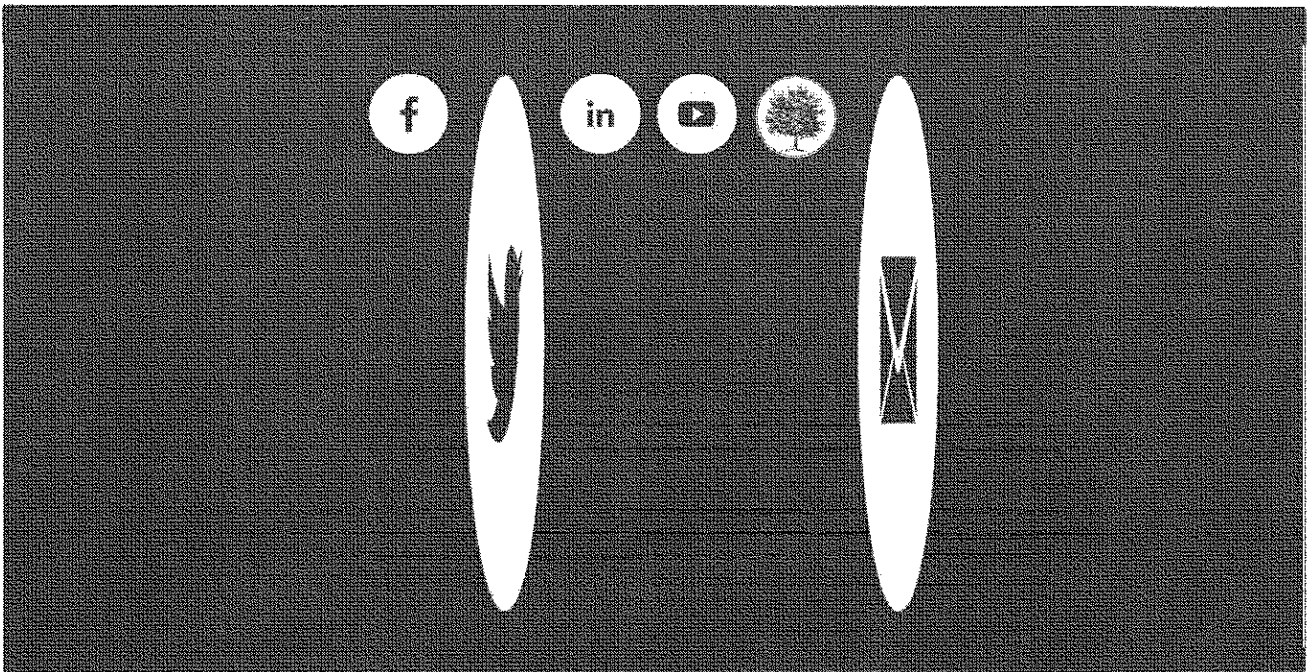
"All Ohioans should earn a fair wage for the work they do. Unfortunately, this proposed increase to the overtime threshold will not accomplish this laudable goal. Employers will look for ways to ensure there are no net increases to their employee costs, including lowering base salaries and layoffs," said Greg R. Lawson, research fellow at The Buckeye Institute. "The real answer to stagnating wages in Ohio is to create more jobs and higher

paying jobs. This will empower workers to be able to find alternative employment if they are not being given a fair shake by their current employer."

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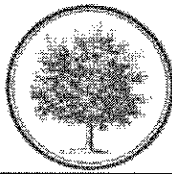
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Ending Burdensome Regulations is a Promise Ohio Leaders Should Make Today

By Greg R. Lawson

April 4, 2018

Every Ohioan deserves the opportunity to build a better life for themselves and their family, and few things have a greater impact on that than a growing economy.

Unfortunately, while the **latest Ohio job numbers** were solid, private-sector job growth remains below the national average and recent **research from The Ohio State University** found that "Ohio has witnessed a steady decline in its economic well-being, compared to the nation as a whole, for more than 60 years."

And while there are no silver bullet solutions to Ohio's job challenges, rolling back government red tape, particularly in the area of occupational licensing, can remove

barriers to job opportunities and career advancement. As our President Robert Alt **has said** of the burden imposed on Ohioans by the presence of too many rules, "This isn't just a story of the number of regulations, this is a story of people."

A **Gordian Knot** of rules hampers the prosperity of too many Ohioans as they become lost in a maze of rules, regulations, and government permission slips. Take **Jennifer McClellan** as an example.

Despite years of training and work experience in Minnesota, the Ohio State Medical Board denied Jennifer an Ohio license. According to the Board, she was ten days shy of the state's training requirements. The board failed to consider Jennifer's years of work experience and refused to honor the license she had already earned in Minnesota. All Jennifer wanted to do was be closer to family and earn a living doing what she was passionate about. She was denied.

Or consider the experience of Dawn Hochwalt, a salon manager from Dayton, Ohio who sees first-hand how Ohio's burdensome regulations impact her employees and her business, with little to no benefit to public health and safety. She also sees the impact the rising costs of cosmetology school has on her colleagues whose wages are being garnished to repay student loans. As Hochwalt said recently, "When I was in school it cost around \$6,000 to go to school and get a license, now that cost is \$20,000 or more. That debt is putting a tremendous burden on young people and the 1,500 hours they need to earn their license means they are not able to get on the salon floor to earn a living and pay off their debt."

With every story like those of Jennifer and Dawn -- people who are blocked from prospering by government rules -- we are all poorer.

Some progress has been made. The Common Sense Initiative has begun to deal with regulatory overreach, prevent bad rules from going forward, and pared others down. However, the fact that all too many rules have yet to be wiped from the books represents a missed opportunity to be bolder and go further.

Worse, it is not clear that there is any stopping the continued growth of Ohio's rulebook - the Ohio Administrative Code. Occupational licensing bills, for example, **continue to proliferate**, which will add yet more regulations on Ohioans.

This is illustrated by the recently released report from the Mercatus Center at George Mason University, **A Snapshot of Ohio Regulation in 2018**. This study found Ohio to

be one of the most heavily regulated states, with nearly 247,000 restrictions, which far outpaces neighbors like Michigan, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, and West Virginia.

As The Buckeye Institute has shown in our studies, *Forbidden to Succeed: How Licensure Laws Hold Ohioans Back* and *Still Forbidden to Succeed: The Negative Effects of Occupational Licensing on Ohio's Workforce*, licensing hurts young and minority Ohioans at a disproportionate level. It forces them to comply with **permission-slip policies** that force them to obtain a piece of paper emblazoned with the word "license" just to make a living.

Ending these permission-slip policies is a promise that Ohio leaders should make today.

One way to do this is by pursuing policies that cut red tape, such as:

1. Embrace a stronger direction for the Common Sense Initiative so that it more aggressively rolls back burdensome rules that do little to nothing to protect Ohioans.
2. Empower the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review in ways such as those found in **current legislation** to ensure that regulations are regularly reviewed especially upon evidence of adverse impacts.
3. Ensure regulators are continually reviewing regulations by enacting a cap on new regulations such as the elimination of two rules for every new rule imposed. Leaders could also implement the Canadian province of British Columbia's regulatory cap policy that achieved a 37 percent reduction of regulatory requirements.
4. Make it the official policy of the state to seek the least restrictive form of regulation when a rule is necessary to protect the health and safety of Ohioans.
5. Give the General Assembly **greater tools** over licensure through a robust sunset review for existing licensure laws and a sunrise process for newly proposed licenses.

Calls for occupational licensing and regulatory reform have bi-partisan support. For example, calls to institute a regulatory reform have been made by leaders like Senate President Larry Obhof and echoed by Attorney General Mike DeWine, while reforms to occupational licensing has both Republican and Democrat champions. This is a positive sign but only the beginning of what is required.

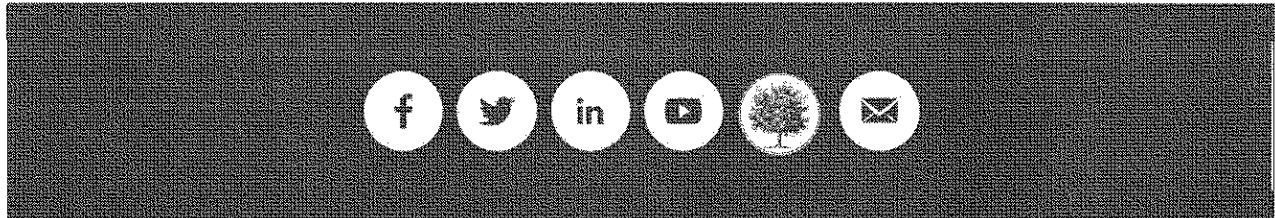
All too often, Ohio creates permission-slip policies that make it harder -- and sometimes impossible -- for Ohioans to pursue their careers and put food on the table for their families. Such policies must end.

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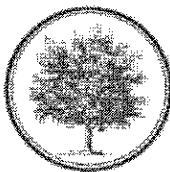
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Ohio Should Avoid Following ~~X~~ichigan's Bad Energy Policy

By Quinn Beeson
April 5, 2018

Several states, including our neighbor **Michigan**, have recently proposed increasing their respective renewable energy mandates, which will end up costing consumers more money on their electric bills and slow renewable energy innovation in their states.

In Ohio we have a chance to avoid these problems, help consumers save money on their energy bills, and encourage investors who have innovative ideas for renewable energy. As Ohio continues to debate its Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS), legislators should focus on the best way to achieve these goals, which begins with repealing the RPS. This will encourage renewable energy innovation, create more job opportunities, and lower electricity bills across Ohio.

Unfortunately, these goals have gotten lost in the RPS debate, and so has the cost of burdensome regulations and mandates. Higher electricity bills are not the only costs Ohioans will be forced to bear as a result of these mandates. As our report *The Impact of Renewable Portfolio Standards on the Ohio Economy* shows, even if the RPS mandate was repealed immediately, Ohio has already experienced a decrease in new job opportunities and economic growth. Increasing the mandate would only worsen the damage.

Fortunately, there is a solution for consumers, Ohio's economic growth, and for the renewable energy industry. Eliminating burdensome regulations and forced government mandates would unleash innovation in the energy sector, including renewables. This innovation would enable the renewable energy market to grow and flourish, which would lead to lower prices for consumers. These changes would also attract energy producers to Ohio, which would bring much needed jobs to the state.

With RPS mandates in place, however, renewable energy investors have little-to-no incentive to innovate. Rather, their focus is on lobbying policymakers to implement more government mandates to increase their profits. Without RPS mandates, investors would focus on creating better products and services, thus improving the renewable energy industry in Ohio and ultimately decreasing electricity prices.

Ohio should open its doors to clean energy by repealing energy mandates, getting rid of overly burdensome regulations, and eliminating taxpayer subsidies to any energy company -- whether it's clean energy or fossil fuel. Rather than increasing the RPS mandate, like our neighbors up north, Ohio policymakers should repeal the mandate and allow all energy providers to compete fairly for consumers.

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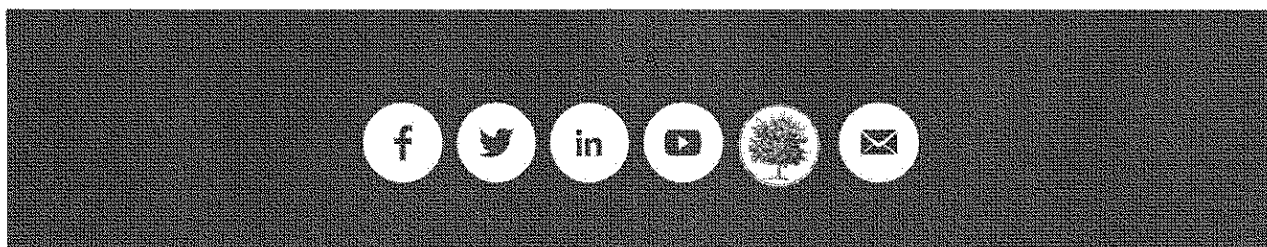
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Ohio University health policy professor Daniel Skinner (behind podium) fields a question outside the Ohio Statehouse on Thursday next to a 15-foot-tall inflatable duck. The Ohio Democratic Party inflated the giant yellow duck to mock General/GOP gubernatorial hopeful Mike DeWine for "ducking" questions about Medicaid expansion. A Democratic Party spokesman said Medicaid expansion is unsustainable, and as governor he will redesign it – using state and federal government – for more flexibility to address the opioid epidemic, among other ideas. (Jeremy Pelton)

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= 9 **Rotunda Rumbblings**

= 9 **Bill off line:** Legislation that would limit what cities can charge telecommunications companies wanting to install small-cell antennae 5G mobile networks has hit a snag. House Bill 478 had cleared the H. and was being considered by the Senate Public Utilities Committee. E representative from Houston-based Crown Castle – which erects cell towers and leases them to mobile network providers – told lawmakers recently if the bill passes as currently drafted, the company will either Ohio or stop investing in the state. Crown Castle is one of three comp that dominates the U.S. cell tower market, according to Reuters.

= 9 **Back to the table:** Crown Wireless' Karmen Rajamani told senate that the company doesn't believe some of the bill's protections for telecomm would be extended to the company, which is why it oppose bill as written. So senators have ordered a new round of negotiations the bill, which Crown Castle and Kent Scarrett of the Ohio Municipal League are participating in. H.B. 478 was drafted after House Speake Rosenberger told the cities and telecomm companies such as AT&T I hammer out a bill. Some cities sued over the legislature's first attempt regulate small antennae in 2016.

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Tax revenue exceeds predictions: State tax revenue in March beat projections by 2 percent, or nearly \$28 million, according to preliminary numbers released Thursday. The main reason was that non-auto sale use tax revenue for the month was about \$30 million, or 5.1 percent, I than expected. State Budget Director Tim Keen told Capitol Letter he yet sure what caused the sales-tax revenue bump. Income-tax revenue meanwhile, fell below expectations for the second straight month. Keen said that's because of greater-than-expected refunds and the lingering effect of more taxpayers making quarterly estimated payments at the of December in anticipation of new federal tax changes.

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OD data: While county coroners report drug overdose deaths to the s it's hard for the public and policymakers to know how many overdose occur in all – including those in which a user survives. Rep. Theresa Gavarone's House Bill 535 would require hospitals to report each mor

how many overdoses they treat, which ones were fatalities and which were not. The Ohio News Media Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, and the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities all support the bill, arguing that better policy decisions will be made when people are better informed.

= 9 **School days:** No opponents have testified yet against a bill that would ban most out-of-school suspensions for students in preschool through grade 5. Senate Bill 246, which also requires teachers to train in positive behavior management, has received three committee hearings and has support from a number of organizations, including Nationwide Children's Hospital, the Ohio Federation of Teachers and the Juvenile Justice Coalition. The bill requires that \$2 million in lottery profits be offered in grants to school districts for the training. A fiscal analysis says there could be an increase in costs for in-school suspensions, although the exact amount was not determined.

= 9 **NARAL backs Cordray, snubs Space:** The abortion-rights group NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio on Thursday endorsed Democrat Richard Cordray for governor. The group also backed the other Democratic candidates for statewide executive office, with the exception of state auditor candidate Zack Space. Kellie Copeland, NARAL Pro-Choice's executive director, told Capitol Letter that was because of Space's 2010 vote in Congress for the Stupak Amendment, an anti-abortion amendment attached to the House version of the Affordable Care Act.

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Bluegrass backing: Republican gubernatorial candidate Mary Taylor on Thursday was endorsed by U.S. Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky.

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Stories We're Talking About

= 9 **Mike and Mary match up:** It wasn't a debate, but an endorser interview at cleveland.com headquarters on Thursday with Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor and Mike DeWine was pretty close, writes cleveland.com's Andy Tobias. Among other things, DeWine discussed Medicaid expansion, Taylor discussed the moment she feels Gov. John Kasich may have begun to stray from "conservative principles" (it also involves Medicaid expansion).

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Softer deadline: "State regulators confirmed Thursday that not all of Ohio's medical marijuana growers, product manufacturers and dispensaries will be up and running by the Sept. 8 deadline in law," cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt reports. For months, observers have doubted that the program would be 'fully operational' by the deadline.

= 9 **Nice work:** Cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton tells us which Ohio congressional offices had the highest and lowest staff turnover from 2016. Using data gathered by LegiStorm, a Capitol Hill data product firm, Eaton reports that Rep. Tim Ryan had the lowest staff turnover of any current Ohio member of Congress. There's lots more in Eaton's report which also has info on the highest and lowest congressional staff salaries.

= 9 **More protection:** Gov. John Kasich on Thursday signed a bill expanding civil protection orders to dating partners, Borchardt reports "Ohio law previously allowed spouses, cohabitants and parents to seek protection orders but excluded people who weren't living together," Borchardt writes.

Will add link for the above item after bill signing at 5.

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Gun bill emerges: Kasich's recommended changes to Ohio gun laws have made their way into a bill that was introduced Thursday, the Associated Press reports. Among the changes: a "red flag" law that would temporarily strip gun rights from people who show warning signs of violence through a new gun violence restraining order," the AP report.

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Outside help for Balderson: A conservative super PAC has launched a six-figure cable-digital ad campaign in support of Republican Troy Balderson's campaign for Ohio's 12th Congressional District, according to Eric Garcia of Roll Call. The group Defending Main Street, which has positioned itself as a foil to the Club for Growth, didn't disclose exactly how much it spent on the ad, which notes that Balderson was endorsed by Ohio Right to Life and voted to cut taxes as a state lawmaker.

= 9 **Condolences:** Mary Regula, the wife of the late U.S. Rep. Ralph Regula, died Thursday at age 91, according to the Canton Repository.

Among other accomplishments, Mary Regula founded the National Fi Ladies' Library in Canton.

= 9 **Five Questions**

= 9 Tim Kane is a Republican candidate for Ohio's 12th Congressional District. The Dublin resident is an economist, author, and a veteran A Force intelligence officer.

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1. You've mentioned the need to work across the aisle and, specifical create a bipartisan caucus of military veterans if elected. How importa that to you to work with members of all parties?

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"I'm a very principled conservative. ... But I want to bring a tone of res to Washington, D.C. that I think has eroded. I've made a promise to n wife and myself that I will give people the benefit of the doubt, whethe they're liberals or Democrats, instead of trying to misconstrue their w

= 9 *2. Before the 2016 election, you wrote that you expected a Trump presidency to "cause a great deal of economic damage." Do you feel prediction has come to pass?*

= 9 "Early in the Republican primary, I had picked a different team an my doubts, as a lot of conservatives did, that President Trump maybe wasn't going to be a conservative. And he has really surprised us. So have been delighted."

= 9 *3. Do you think that the president should fire special counsel Rob Mueller?*

= 9 "No, I think we need to respect the process. But let's recognize the was born in a partisan fashion. What I would call for is a broader investigation. And I'm frankly shocked that Mueller was only empower look at Donald Trump. He should have been empowered and tapped look at the corruption of the Clinton Global Initiative."

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4. You moved back to the district in late 2017. Did you move back specifically to run for this seat?

= 9 "I've been working on a couple books. One's about the impact of immigration on Americans, and I wanted to move home to write that book. ... The run for Congress was a real surprise, and even though I lived from kindergarten through 12th grade, and I did move away when I joined the Air Force, I've always wanted to come back."

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5. *Do you ever get confused with Tim Kaine, the U.S. senator who was Hillary Clinton's running mate?*

= 9 "A lot of people do get confused. When [Clinton] selected this guy as her vice-presidential pick, CNN.com had my photo [up] for more than 24 hours."

= 9 **On the Move**

= 9 Rachel Petri, who was U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown's deputy communications director, has left Brown's D.C. office to become press secretary for his re-election campaign.

= 9 Melissa Dilley has left Gongwer News Service for a job with governmental affairs for the American Association of Service Coordinators.

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Social conservative organization Citizens for Community Values announced that Curtis Wilson has joined the team as vice president of advancement. In the role, Curtis will spearhead efforts to support and advance Ohio churches, build strong ties with community allies and cultivate relationships with families throughout the state. He previously worked in major donor development at Americans for Prosperity, among other organizations.

= 9 **What's Going On Today**

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Friday 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. – Federalist Society's 2018 Ohio Law Chapters Conference: Scheduled attendees include Acting Assistant Attorney General Chad A. Readler, State Auditor Dave Yost, Ohio Supreme Court Justices Mary DeGenaro and Sharon Kennedy, and

Supreme Court candidates Craig Baldwin, Michael Donnelly, and Me Stewart. *The Westin Columbus, 310 S. High St.*

= 9 **Friday 3 p.m. – Mary Taylor to campaign in Southwest Ohio:** lieutenant governor and Republican gubernatorial candidate has stop planned in Eaton at 3 p.m., Cincinnati at 5 p.m., and Batavia at 7 p.m

= 9 **Friday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. – Progressive town hall meeting and v drive by #PowerToThePolls:** The event will feature comments from Women's March leaders and Nina Turner, president of OurRevolution *Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave., Cleveland.*

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Saturday 8:30 a.m. – Move to Amend Ohio's annual statewide gathering: Scheduled speakers at the campaign-finance reform group event include ex-U.S. Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy and Jessica Munger, Move Amend's national program director. *First Unitarian Universalist Church, W. Weisheimer Rd.*

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Saturday 9:30 a.m. – Mary Taylor to campaign in Brown County. *LaRosa's Pizza, 114 Glover Dr., Mount Orab.*

= 9 **Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – Ohio Green Party state convention** *2231 N. High St.*

= 9 **Saturday 1 to 3 p.m. – Ohio 12th Congressional District candidate debate.** *Hamilton-Williams Campus Center, Ohio Wesleyan University, Rowland Ave., Delaware.*

= 9 **Saturday 6 to 8 p.m. – Dennis Kucinich to speak with best-selling author in Cleveland:** The Democratic candidate for governor plans to a conversation with author and lecturer Marianne Williamson. *Shaker Heights Unitarian Universalist Church, 21600 Shaker Blvd., Shaker Heights.*

= 9 **Sunday 6 to 8 p.m. – Joe Schiavoni to campaign in Tuscarawas County:** The Democratic candidate for governor is set to hold a "meet and greet" event. *Daily Grind Cafe, 153 W. High Ave., New Philadelphia.*

= 9 **Birthdays**

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Friday: Rep. Scott Ryan

= 9 Saturday: Sen. Edna Brown, Rep. Brian Hill

= 9 **Straight From The Source**

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"Believe it or not, I don't care. ...I don't mind supporting or opposing presidents in either party on trade."

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- Democratic U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown, when asked by the Washington Post about the political ramifications of Republican President Donald Trump agreeing with him on the need for tariffs and other protectionis trade policies.

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Thank you so much for all your hard work! Sorry for the delay—been a long day working through JLEC forms and getting the calendar approved.

Here are the bills to whip for the weekend:

Bills for Third Consideration

- **House Bill 131** -- Reps. Gavarone, Reineke – Reported out of Health (15-0)
 - *To modify the laws governing the practice of physical therapy*
- **House Bill 263** – Rep. Lanese – Reported out of Economic Development, Commerce and Labor (9-5, Brinkman, Lipps)
 - *To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation*
- **House Bill 360** – Rep. Greenspan – Reported out of Education and Career Readiness (10-7, Hood)
 - *Enact Ohio Anti-Bullying and Hazing Act*
- **House Bill 378** -- Reps. Smith, Cera – Reported out of Finance (25-3, Butler, Romanchuk, Thompson)
 - *To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation*
- **House Bill 211** -- Rep. Hughes – Reported out of Economic Development, Commerce and Labor (12-2, Dean, Hood)
 - *To require the licensure of home inspectors and to create the Ohio Home Inspector Board to regulate the licensure and performance of home inspectors*
- **House Bill 508** – Reps. Ryan, Reineke – Pending in Finance
 - *To establish the OhioCorps Pilot Project and to make an appropriation*
- **House Bill 489** – Rep. Dever – Reported out of Government Accountability and Oversight (7-3)
 - *Address financial institution regulation and consumer protection*

Snapshots

House Bill 131

HB 131 modifies the activities that may be performed by a physical therapist. Under current law, a physical therapist can evaluate and assess, but not diagnosis. HB 131 specifies that physical therapists can determine 1.) a physical therapy diagnosis to treat physical impairments, functional limitations, and physical disabilities, 2.) a prognosis, and 3.) a plan of therapeutic intervention. The bill specifically states that a “physical therapy diagnosis” does not include a medical diagnosis.

In Ohio, physical therapists can treat patients without a referral from a physician. Also unchanged by the bill, physical therapists are still required to refer patients to another healthcare provider if the patient’s condition is outside their scope of practice. HB 131 simply aids in determining a physical therapy diagnosis and a course of therapeutic intervention or referral to another provider.

A number of witnesses originally testified as opponents to the bill including the Ohio State Medical Association, the Ohio Academy of Family Physicians, the Ohio Osteopathic Association, and the Ohio Orthopaedic Society. However, the final version of the bill stripped provisions to which they objected. To the best of our knowledge, these groups are now all interested parties.

HB 131 is supported by the Ohio Physical Therapy Association and was reported by the Health Committee unanimously.

House Bill 263

Many consumers are interested in spending more time with their canine companions, and our businesses respond by marketing to these individuals through pet-friendly spaces or events. With the rise of pet-friendly establishments, HB 263 allows restaurants to cater to this demographic by permitting dogs on their outdoor patios if the restaurant chooses.

Under current administrative code, restaurants cannot permit dogs on their patios. However, in many places, this restriction was unenforced. HB 263 will give restaurants the option to allow patrons to bring their dogs while ensuring proper health standards. The bill gives the Departments of Agriculture and Health the ability to develop rules, including rules that specifically prohibit an employee from touching a dog, require the

use of single-use dining ware for serving food or water to a dog, and require signage that dogs are permitted in the area.

Additionally, HB 263 specifies that a person who brings a dog to an outdoor dining area is liable for any damage that the dog causes.

HB 263 is supported by the Ohio Restaurant Association, the Humane Society, and various other organizations. It was reported by the Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee 9-5 with Reps. Brinkman and Lipps voting "no."

House Bill 360

Ohio law requires public schools to adopt anti-bullying policies that prohibit "bullying, harassment, or intimidation" of another student, address disciplinary responses for violations, and set reporting requirements. HB 360 seeks to strengthen the anti-bullying statute, while providing schools with flexibility to address issues.

HB 360 allows schools to institute tiered suspensions based on the number of bullying incidents: the first offense would be up to 10 days suspension, the second would be up to 30 days, and the third would be up to 182 days. The school could also prohibit a bully from participating in extracurricular activities.

Additionally, the bill specifically permits a school to develop a community service plan for the bully and offer counseling and/or support for the bully and victim. HB 360 requires the State Board of Education to review best practices and requires state institutions of higher education to adopt policies regarding bullying and harassment.

Several changes were made to the bill in committee that focused on providing local school districts more flexibility and control over dealing with cases of bullying on an individual basis. The committee also accepted an amendment that exempted independent and private schools from the provisions of the bill.

HB 360 was reported by the Education and Career Readiness Committee 10-7 with Rep. Hood voting "no."

House Bill 378

HB 378 seeks to incentivize the build-out of broadband service in areas of Ohio that do not have access to broadband internet and strengthen the connectivity of the state. The bill appropriates \$50 million in FY 2018-2019 to fund the newly created Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program under the Development Services Agency (DSA). The money will be used to award grants for infrastructure projects that extend broadband service to unserved areas of the state.

Of the total funding appropriated in each year, \$49 million will be used for grants and the remaining \$1 million will be used by DSA to contract to do broadband research, testing, analysis, and community engagement and planning. The source of the funding is money in the Third Frontier Research and Development Fund. Political subdivisions, private businesses, nonprofits, and cooperatives are all eligible for grants under the program.

The bill has various proponents including local government groups, the Ohio Farm Bureau, the Ohio Library Council, Connect Ohio, Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission, and others. Ohio Cable Telecommunications Association is an opponent. The bill was reported by the Finance Committee with Reps. Butler, Romanchuk, and Thompson voting “no.”

House Bill 211

To ensure consumers are getting the value they expect in their home, HB 211 requires the licensure of home inspectors and creates the Ohio Home Inspector Board.

Thirty states – including Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia – require home inspectors to be licensed. HB 211 will give homebuyers more trust in the expertise of home inspectors when purchasing a home.

HB 211 is supported by the Ohio Association of Realtors and the American Society of Home Inspectors. The bill is opposed by Nemastil Home Inspections, the HomeSpection Training Institute, and Americans for Prosperity. It was reported by the Economic Development, Commerce, and Labor Committee 12-2 with Reps. Dean and Hood voting “no.”

House Bill 508

As another tool combat the opioid epidemic in Ohio, HB 508 is a pilot program aimed at helping high-risk, low-income students succeed and move on to the next phase of their educational career.

HB 508, or OhioCorps, is a mentorship pilot program that pairs college students with at-risk youth to ensure high school students are getting the support they need and guidance toward a pathway to higher education. College students receive a stipend for their mentorship and mentees receive a \$1,000 scholarship upon completion of the program, meeting certain requirements. "At-risk" students eligible for the program are at least 13 years of age and have an expected family contribution of \$0 or have been impacted by family opioid addiction.

The program will be administered by state universities, community colleges, and technical colleges. The bill appropriates \$2.5 million from the General Revenue Fund for the program.

HB 508 has no opponents at this time. It is currently pending in the Finance Committee.

House Bill 489

HB 489 reforms Ohio's financial institutions regulatory framework and adds layers of consumer protection. The goal is to provide opportunities for Ohioans by creating a friendly environment for acquiring capital.

After the Great Recession, the federal government increased regulatory requirements on depositories – this had an unintended impact on smaller banks and credit unions and many were forced to close. HB 489 gives some regulatory reliefs to banks and credit unions, while ensuring consumers have appropriate protections.

Among other provisions, the bill allows financial institutions meeting certain asset and ratings requirements to go longer periods between regulatory examinations. Additionally, HB 489 allows financial institutions to report, to the regulators and consumers, and correct bona fide errors; if the institution offers reasonable restitution, it would be held harmless for the error.

HB 489 is supported by the Ohio Bankers League, the National Association of Consumer Attorneys, the National Association of Bankruptcy Attorneys, the Ohio Credit Union League, and the Community Bankers Association of Ohio; the bill has no opponents. It was reported by the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee 7-3 on party line.